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FRENCH MULTI-NATIONAL PULLS THE PLUG!

# Council picks up the pieces as company scraps bus services

**B R I D G E N D** was scrapping County Borough almost 100 services throughout south Council (BCBC) has been left to pick Wales.

The news from Veolia Transport Cymru has left councils throughout the area having to plug gaps

**REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC**

in the network, which will be left when the firm cancels these services in June.

Veolia is taking out 78 services from the valley

areas, although most of the cuts are in the Rhondda Cynon Taff area.

However, services to Blaengarw and to Betws in the Garw Valley are affected, as well as the Bridgend to Maesteg run. Veolia is a French multi-national which moved into Wales in 2005 when it bought Bebb Travel and Shamrock Buses, which were based in the Pontypridd area.

The issue was raised at a meeting of Bridgend Town Council when Coun David Unwin said that it was unclear if the big void left by Veolia could be filled entirely by councils laying on replacement services.

He said: "I have asked the highways department to give borough members a full report on what's happening. At the moment, the council spends about £100,000 a

year subsidising bus services. That sum is up for discussion at the moment with the scrutiny committee."

A spokesman for BCBC said that three services within the borough had been affected – the 16 Bridgend to Blaengarw, the 215 Bridgend to Betws and the 37 Bridgend to Maesteg.

The council has held meetings with bus operators and has arranged for Easyway to take over the Blaengarw Service, and it will also cover the diversion to Heol y Mynydd in Sarn, which the Betws bus previously covered.

Veolia will be paid by the council to provide the 37 service to Maesteg until the next tendering process takes place later this year.

A council spokesman has reassured residents that they would not notice any major changes in the level of service they receive.

AMs Peter Black and Suzy Davies at the launch of the newest branch of National Autistic Society Cymru – Bridgend! (SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 4).

## Dog wardens do not put down healthy strays – councillor told

**NO healthy dogs are put down when they are picked up as strays in Bridgend.**

This policy, implemented by BCBC's dog warden service, has been thrashed out over the years, in conjunction with local animal welfare charities like the Dog's Trust and Maesteg Animal Welfare Society, which both take in stray dogs.

Coun David Unwin, who asked a question about how the dog warden service operates, was told that the council employs one dog warden who has statutory responsibilities to deal with stray dogs. His working hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Contractors are used by the council when he is unavailable and they also operate an out-of-hours service in the evening and at weekends.

The number for this is included in the recorded message which people get when they ring the council offices on 01656 643643 out of hours.

During the last financial year, the

**by JAYNE ISAAC**

dog warden placed 538 stray dogs in commercial kennels where they are kept for seven days so that owners can claim them.

After seven days, the dog becomes the property of the kennels, which can then rehome them.

Forty four dogs were also returned to their owners last year and a further 33 were put down because they were sick.

The warden dealt with a total of 1,345 inquiries involving dogs during the year.

The cost of the service to the council for the year was £66,482 which includes staffing, transportation and kennelling fees.

Coun Unwin said that if you extrapolated from these figures, it was likely that problems of dealing with stray dogs were costing taxpayers £1.5m in Wales, and £20m UK wide.

## Porthcawl poppy party is planned!

**PLANS for the Porthcawl Poppy Party are now well advanced as the town branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) plans to hold the event on Saturday, July 2, and will incorporate Armed Forces Day.**

The event is in the grounds of All Saints' Church and will involve local choirs, schools, bands and soloists and revolves around a picnic type scene, with the Porthcawl war memorial proudly taking a prominent position.

The Royal British Legion nationally are providing the bunting, flags and stickers for the occasion which is being held to mark their 90th birthday. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

The celebration of the Armed Forces will also be reflected in the parade of the standards of the Royal British Legion and the attendance of local representatives of the political, social and economic

facets of the town.

The party will start at 3pm and the show will last two hours.

Local RBL chairman Ruth Birch said: "This is going to be a great party to celebrate Armed Forces Day, as well as raising funds for the Legion and Help for Heroes."

There will be an exhibition of the history of the Legion in Porthcawl, and if any member of the public has photographs or any other memorabilia, the Legion would be prepared to copy it and put it on display.

Local writer and historian John David, who belongs to the Porthcawl branch, is organising the display and he can be contacted on 01656 786636.

Members of the Porthcawl branch will be joining members of the Bridgend branch to take part in their celebration of Armed Forces Day on June 25.



BRIDGEND borough's largest primary school, Maes yr Haul, celebrated its strong links with the Broadlands community with a football tournament and fun day organised by the parents and friends' association.

It featured matches involving children, parents and other members of the Broadlands community, as well as a range of action and adventure games, dance demonstrations and plenty of hot

dogs! Headteacher Margaret Lugg said: "This was a real celebration of the school's fantastic links with the community.

The school has always been at the heart of Broadlands, but these days it is a real community hub, offering out-of-hours classes and facilities for both adults and children.

"We're delighted by the success of the community football tournament and activity day, which celebrates what the school has to offer. Thank you to all those who came along to support it."

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# School pupils put their fingers on crime detection in Maesteg



Some of the students with fingerprint officer Julie Gurner studying their own fingerprints.

PUPILS at Maesteg Comprehensive School have been given an insight into how police crack crime.

Force fingerprint officer Julie Gurner attended

## Czech visitors' tour will give a flavour of Wales

FROM May 29-June 2, the Porthcawl charity, 'Sustainable Wales', is hosting 18 guests from the Czech Republic, who are in south Wales to learn more about community development, sustainability and community-focused education.

Margaret Minchinick, on behalf of 'Sustainable Wales' explained: "Our Czech guests are from the town of Bory. They are fascinated by community development and political and cultural variety in Wales. Thus their visit is specially funded by the Czech government and the EU."

"They particularly want to learn more about the work of Sustainable Wales and projects that

encourage environmental sustainability and social resilience."

A packed programme includes community food growing at Coed Hills in the Vale, Creation's activities in Cwm Gwael and the concept of 'time-banking'.

She added: "This will be a whirlwind visit, and will show our Czech friends that south Wales is a vibrant and varied place."

"While in Porthcawl, the visitors will be entertained at some of the resort's most popular watering holes, as befitting Porthcawl's eminence as a Welsh holiday resort."

"This social aspect is a crucial part of the visit. It is also heartening to find a widening choice of suitable accommodation available."

## Gift of talking newspapers

THE Rotary Club of Porthcawl is supporting the Ogwr Talking Newspapers Association with a grant for the purchase of weekly CDs for each of the 130 blind and visually impaired persons in the county borough of Bridgend, and to also replace wallets damaged in the post.

Five Porthcawl Rotarians are currently members of the Talking Newspapers teams, including the chairman and past president David Philpot, who was the founder of the association in this area more than 35 years ago. David was awarded the MBE for his dedicated work for the society.

## Borough council chief re-selected

BRIDGEND County Borough Council Leader Coun Mel Nott, was re-selected, with Coun David Sage as deputy leader, at the council's annual general meeting.

Also returned were Coun Lyn Morgan as cabinet member for wellbeing, Coun Alana Davies as cabinet member for children and young people, and Coun Huw David as cabinet member for resources.

Coun John Spanswick stepped down as cabinet member for communities, with Coun Phil White now taking over the portfolio.

Coun Chris

Michaelies was selected as the next Mayor of Bridgend county borough and the Deputy Mayor will be Coun Marlene Thomas. The youth mayor and deputy youth mayor will be Abigail Richards and Catherine Jones, taking over from Amy Buttlin and Hollie Medina.

Returning as Leader, Coun Nott said: "I'd

like to thank council for my re-appointment and say how privileged I feel to serve as leader of Bridgend County Borough Council. I am well aware that you put enormous trust and faith in me to carry out this important role and I want to assure you that I will continue to do my utmost on behalf of you all, and for the people of this county borough.

"I offer my sincere thanks to all the cabinet members for their ongoing work and dedication. I am particularly pleased that my Deputy Leader will once again be Coun David Sage.

"I am very proud to once again have the opportunity to lead this authority. We continue to work hard to make Bridgend county borough a better place to live, learn, play, work and visit."

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Madeleine Moon and Angela Rippon.

## Bridgend MP adds her voice to Carers' Week

BRIDGEND MP but also their money Madeleine Moon and their health in has teamed up with order to care for a loved one. Together, they save this country an astonishing £119 billion.

"They deserve to be recognised for their contribution to both our local community and to wider society.

"I am taking part in Carers Week to show my respect and appreciation for our carers.

The MP met Angela Rippon at the House of Commons to pay tribute to carers, and to urge that they receive more support in their caring roles.

"It's important that carers know that they don't have to struggle on alone," she concluded.

"I also want to let them know that there are services out there to help them. Caring can be so incredibly demanding.

Mrs Moon commented: "Thousands of people in Bridgend sacrifice not only their time,

## PACT meetings

COITY PACT, Gilead Chapel Hall, Coity, June 2 at 7pm.

BRACKLA PACT, Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way, Brackla, Bridgend, June 9 at 6.30pm.

BRYNTIRION, LALESTON & MERTHYR MAWR PACT, Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston, June 9 at 7pm.

MORFA WILDMILL PACT, The Community Hub, The Precinct, Wildmill, June 9 at 6.30pm.

NEWCASTLE PACT, Civic Offices, Angel Street, June 14 at 6.30pm.

OLDCASTLE PACT, The Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School, July 6 at 6.30pm.

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### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JUNE 2)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

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28 Sat	04.52	7.8	17.22	8.0
29 Sun	05.43	8.1	18.11	8.2
30 Mon	06.31	8.4	18.49	8.5
31 Tues	07.11	8.6	19.26	8.8
01 Wed	07.51	8.9	20.11	9.1
02 Thur	08.29	9.2	20.39	9.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

# BT Openreach volunteers power into Maesteg Park – to help fly the Green Flag

THE Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park (FMWP) were delighted to accept an offer of help from the British Telecom's Openreach Volunteers – when it was made by Jonathan Price, one of their members, a few weeks ago.

The volunteers are a group of apprentices who help out in the communities around South Wales.

It was agreed that they would concentrate on the amphitheatre area of the park.

This was an ideal chance to make improvements in this area of the park which has now been selected by the parks department of the council, the friends and councillors for extra work so that it can apply for coveted green flag status.

The amphitheatre was dug out by the miners during the 1926 strike and lock out and for many years, it had a bandstand. It is of great historic significance to the community in the Llynfi Valley.

At the moment, the focal point of this area is the skateboard park and BMX ramp installed by the town council which has fallen into a state of neglect.

The Friends want to turn this area into a more user-friendly territory for



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the youngsters members off, providing a lovely open view of the amphitheatre as it was intended.

Some overhanging trees were cut back and their branches were fashioned into habitats for wildlife in sheltered areas.

There was also the backbreaking job of removing the ever-present Himalayan Balsam.

The day's work was witnessed by MP Huw Irranca Davies and councillors Mal Reeves, Ian Jones and Ross Thomas.

The work was accompanied by tea and cakes – which went down a treat with the BT volunteers and Friends alike.

It is hoped that they



will make a return visit later in the year when the brambles can be tackled.

A spokesman for FMWP offered thanks to the following: James Balchin, Gavin Brown, Ross Clarke, Jonathan Davies, Gareth Edwards, Matthew Faull, Vincent

Gregory, Mark Hanks, Verity Jeffreys, Gavin Joseph, Josh Llewellyn, Christian Madge, Gregg Meredith, Luke Meredith, Lewis Pettican, Abbie Sullivan, Kevin Whitfield, Sophia Williams and organiser Jonathan Price.

# Welfare Park welcomes its new residents – more bats and birds!

THE sun shone down on Maesteg Welfare Park recently to welcome everyone to the Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park's 'Wildlife Hotel Day' – a better title than the 'bird and bat box making day' which it essentially was.

At 10.30am, a band of enthusiastic Friends were surrounded by wood, screws, hammers and cordless drills, as well as cupcakes, loaf cakes and lemon drizzle cake!

**Half-term with Alice!**  
A RANGE of activities – from story-telling to crafts – will be available during half-term in Bridgend borough.

Each session run by BCBC's library and information service is available free of charge for under-11s at libraries in Aberkenfig, Bridgend, Pencoed and Pyle.

During National Family Week, there will be a tea party in the park for the Mad Hatters storytime and tea party on June 1 at 3pm at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend.

Based on Lewis Carroll's Adventures in Wonderland, meet Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Dormouse, and even the White Rabbit! Listen to weird and wonderful stories, take part in face painting and balloon modelling and enjoy a drink and a snack. Admission is free.

For further details, call 01656 642048.

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WHAT CONCENTRATION!

# Porthcawl school pupil cast as the boy in 'Blake' film

JACK WILLIAMS, a year-4 pupil from St Clare's Prep School in Porthcawl, recently had a very special opportunity when he was cast as 'The Boy' in a short film shot in Cardiff.

Jack, who is a member of the Bridgend Youth Theatre, had a number of scenes with award-winning actor Ray Winstone, as well as Amanda Drew who is best known for her role as the psychotic Dr May Wright in the BBC soap opera *EastEnders*.

'Blake' is a short film about the events surrounding the great artist William Blake's only ever public exhibition of paintings, in London's Soho in 1809.

Told through the eyes of his devoted wife Catherine (Amanda Drew), it explores the tragedy of a genius misunderstood and ridiculed in his own time, and depicts how they are ultimately redeemed by the faith and love they have for one another. Ray Winstone plays the title role.



ABOVE: Jack Williams and Ray Winstone.

Directed by Ryan Andrews (Family Picnic), the short film is one of five projects from Wales' most exciting new film-making talents, selected for the short film scheme, Digital Shorts Wales 2010.

The film had its official screening at The Charter Arts Centre in Cardiff on April 10.

Digital Shorts Wales 2010 executive producer, Roger Burnell from It's My Shout, who has helped shape the early

careers of some of our

relatives or friends of Pte Williams.)

• THE model of Island Farm Prisoner of War camp which used to be housed at the County Library Headquarters, is now back with Bridgend Civic Society which owns it.

The society said that it had been given the model by the police museum some years ago and it was stored at the library.

The society has recently taken possession of a marble plaque which commemorates the opening of Bridgend General Hospital.

The society is asking the town council for suggestions about where these items can be put on display, although the Island Farm model may go on loan to the art department of Brynteg Comprehensive School if society members are agreeable.

• COUN Haydn Morgan reported that lights which have been on 24/7 in Herbert Street are still on, despite being reported to BCBC last month.

## BRIDGEND NEWS in brief

WORK now under way on the old stone bridge should take up to eight weeks, Bridgend Town councillors have been told.

The repairs are being done by BCBC under the supervision of CADW as the bridge is a scheduled ancient monument.

Access to the shops on the bridge is being maintained at all times.

• THE name of a Bridgend soldier killed during the Second World War is to be added to the war memorial in Dunraven Place.

Bridgend Town Council was contacted by Sir Arthur Edwyn Turner-Thomas, who pointed out that the name of Private Emrys John Williams of the South Wales Borderers, who was killed in North Western Europe on November 30 1944, had been omitted from the list. He was a resident of Coity Road.

The council has agreed to add his name to the memorial. (The GEM would be interested to hear from

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LEFT: At the launch were: Karen Shore, Jill Grange, Carol Williams, and Coun Alana Davies.

## How parents' group grew into branch of the Autistic Society

THE launch of the newest branch of the National Autistic Society Cymru took place at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion.

The Bridgend branch, which covers the whole borough, started off as a parents' support group, but has grown into a fully-fledged part of the charity.

The launch was attended by Regional AMs Peter Black, for the Liberal Democrats, and Suzy Davies for the Welsh Conservatives.

Also present was Coun Alana Davies, the BCBC cabinet member for children, who was invited to cut the special cake to mark the launch.

She said that she was delighted to be present and told The GEM that it was the carers and parents of autistic people who were the experts.

"They know exactly what they need us, the local authority, to provide, and they are very effective lobbyists and we have been able to help."

Coun Davies said that her cabinet colleague, Coun Lyn Morgan, whose brief includes adult social services, was the council's autism champion.

"We need to constantly remember that autism is not only about children but also about the adults who suffer from it," she said. "People have to make the transition from being looked after by children's social services to being looked after by the adult team."

"There have been

improvements in this other parents and that's transition process, but we need to ensure that it is better handled in the future, and we are working together to try and ensure that."

Suzy Davies AM said that this group was a wonderful example of how things had grown up from the grassroots to fill a need.

"This organisation does a tremendous amount of work in the community both nationally and here in Bridgend."

"The new Bridgend branch has very strong community ties and these are crucial, even though they are now part of a larger organisation.

"I have been very impressed with what the Bridgend branch is doing to support its members and I know that joining the National Autistic Society Cymru will give members the best of both worlds in the future."

Peter Black AM said that these support groups were absolutely essential: "Parents can feel isolated coping with an autistic child but being able to meet other parents going through the same thing is very helpful and means they can band together to fight for the help they need."

Carol Williams gave the assembled group a potted history of the branch, which was originally set up by parents Clare Tuck and Sharon Howley in 1997.

They spoke to social worker Pat Cudd, who was present at the launch, who helped them contact

the branch can be contacted on 07767 353387, or e-mail [bridgend@nas.org.uk](mailto:bridgend@nas.org.uk)

The society now has 10 branches in Wales and 103 nationwide. Karen Shore, regional officer for south Wales, said that there was an increased awareness of autism now throughout society and diagnosis of the condition has improved over the years.

Autism affects one person in a 100 and the severity of the condition goes right across the spectrum, including Asperger's Syndrome.

She explained that autism is a life-long condition which not only affects children, but adults throughout their lives. The condition varies from person to person.

If the condition is diagnosed early, interventions can be put into place to improve the lives of sufferers.

Each branch carries out a range of activities including inviting experts to help parents and others understand the condition. The society publishes a range of literature and holds workshops.

Some branches produce their own newsletters, which contain local information.

There are also social events, family activities and playgroups plus fundraising and campaigning for greater awareness, services and educational provision.

"It's all about providing the right support at the right time," Mrs Grange added.

The branch meets monthly at Y Bont in Ewenny Road, Bridgend, normally on the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm. But the next meeting will be on June 15.

"There have been

## KENFIG HILL RUGBY ROUND-UP

### Team on fire after straight wins

YSTALYFERA finally came to Kenfig Hill to play and were rewarded for their prevarication by a sound thrashing by a rampant Mules side who played some dazzling rugby.

Kenfig Hill scorers: Kyle Evans (four tries); Chris Tossell (two); Owen Davies; Scott Hancock; Scott Waller; Raymond Evans (five conversions).

**Kenfig Hill Firsts v Morriston**  
THIS was another outstanding performance from Kenfig Hill, defeating Morriston 61-7.

Full-back Raymond Evans had an outstanding game, as did left winger Matthew Tossell, while Gareth Downes had a good game at open side flanker.

It was good to see prop Gavin Reffell back on the field after a lengthy lay off with injury.

Kenfig Hill scorers: Raymond Evans (three tries); Matthew Tossell (two); Kyle Evans (two); Chris Tossell; Rhodri Clark; Nicky Giles (eight conversions).



Owen Davies easily beats an attempt at a tackle by Ystalyfera.  
PICTURE BY PETER GILLING



Rhodri Clark hands off a would-be tackler.  
PICTURE BY JOHN HYDE

## Bridgend College students win five out of nine awards in national IT competition

IT students from across Wales descended on Bridgend College on May 20, to take part in three prestigious WorldSkills UK competitions to find the nation's most talented Cisco and Microsoft operators.

third place Microsoft Applications Specialist. This WorldSkills UK competition was one of a number of regional heats currently taking place across the UK, and winners at these events will have the opportunity to progress to compete in the UK-wide final with the chance of representing the UK at a WorldSkills International event in 2013.

Bridgend College also hosted a unique Junior Skills 'The BIG Challenge' Competition for four local primary schools (Llitchard, Llangynwyd, Dolau and Llanilltud Fawr).

The first of its kind in Wales, the pupils from these schools took part in the following skills challenges:

- Design a poster advertising the IT WorldSkills competition.
- Put together a presentation about the IT WorldSkills competition.
- Design a bilingual logo for Junior Skills 2011.
- Build a sculpture from recycled materials.

Entries were then judged by: Tracy Bennett (Ensinger), Jonathan Price (Skills Factory), Councillor Tildesley (Bridgend County Borough Council), Robert Evans (Bridgend College) and Grant Cockerill (Groundwork), with each school winning one of the challenges.



Andrew and Christopher Bayliss - second and first placed Microsoft IT technicians.



Abigail Davies - third place Microsoft Applications Specialist.



Stuart Henderson - first place Cisco Network Technician.



Matthew Parker - third place Cisco Network Technician.

John Morgan, head of school, business and Information Technology at Bridgend College said: "These competitions are a great way to celebrate success and to introduce students to 21st century skills."

"It is vital that as a nation, we continue to promote and develop these essential IT skills to ensure the future competitiveness of our economy."

"Simply taking part in a WorldSkills UK competition can make a competitor a more attractive employee, and being able to say they took part provides evidence of the quality of their work."

"Alongside the main competition, we also held a junior competition as a catalyst for getting youngsters from local primary schools interested in new technologies."

"It was an exciting event all round".

## BRIDGEND NEWS/ in brief

**TOILETS at Cheapside, which were the subject of a complaint last month, are cleaned three times a day, according to Coun David Unwin...** Despite that, five minutes after being cleaned, they could be dirty again.

**WORK to improve the environment at allotment sites at Cwchurh Road and Jubilee Road, Bridgend, will cost £8,080, Bridgend Town Council has been told. The town council has agreed to write to the police and**

**ask them to enforce the parking restrictions.**

**WORK on the Highland Place play area is to start shortly, with completion by the third week in July, Coun David Unwin told Bridgend Town Council.**

**The town council has worked with BCBC to provide this play park in the wake of the tragedy involving a six-year-old girl who was crushed nearby by automatic gates.**

# 2,000 JOIN THE RACE FOR LIFE IN CANCER CHARITY'S FUNDRAISING DAY IN BRIDGEND



PCSO Donavan Smith meets some friendly penguins.

**BRIDGEND'S first Cancer Research UK Race for Life was held at Newbridge Fields recently.**

Women of all ages took part in a 5k walk, jog or run and a large crowd of spectators gathered to cheer on the runners.

South Wales Police also had a number of competitors in the race - Detective Inspector Sue Sidford, Police Constables Joeli Sweeney, Andrea James, Kelly Thomas, Sam

Beaumont, Police Community Support Officer Lisa Moore and Zoe Tee from the contact management centre, all of whom were raising money for the worthwhile cause.

Bridge FM provided music during the event and the ladies from Curves also got everyone in the mood with a quick warm-up! After completing the course, participants were rewarded with a medal, goody bag and a bottle of water.



PCSOs Smith and Heather Dobbs with friends.



Zoe Tee (in white top) from the South Wales Police contact management centre, with a group of friends.

## LOCAL GROUPS (and charities) GET TO SPEND A LOTTERY GRANT WINDFALL

A LOTTERY grant of nearly £1 million (£982,637) has been awarded to enable Tenovus cancer charity to establish 15 new 'Sing for Life' choirs for cancer patients over 50 years old, their families, carers, friends and those who have been bereaved through the disease across Wales.

Other groups to bene-

fit from recent Lottery grants include the Alzheimer's Society, who will use £1,945,018 to provide a befriending and advice service for sufferers living in isolated areas; Deafblind UK which will receive £603,786 to help older people with sight and hearing loss access services and RNIB Cymru which will use £362,504 to support blind and par-

tially-sighted older people. The Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) will spend its Lottery award of £835,953 on a project to provide community cafes and one to one befriending for older people across Bridgend. This will involve 'social involvers' phoning someone for a chat, providing support to attend appointments or visiting someone at home.

They will also promote the community cafes which will run for three hours a week from venues in the community.

The project will develop two existing cafes and establish four more in Bridgend coun-

ty. Heidi Bennett,

Director of BAVO, explained: "The community cafes and social involvers project will befriend vulnerable and isolated older people across the county and encourage them to socialise, access information, and generally support them so that they ultimately feel they have a better quality of life and improved sense of wellbeing."

Mental Health Matters Wales Ltd in Bridgend receives £381,043 for a 'Moving On' befriending and mentoring project partnership with Mental Health Matters Wales Ltd and Bridgend People First, a learning disability organisation.

The project will support people aged 50 plus who are socially isolated due to mental health issues or learning disabilities, prioritising those who do not have family and friends in Bridgend county borough.

The Vale Centre For Voluntary Services, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, was awarded £887,327 for its 'Friendly Advantage' project.

It offers a range of befriending models to reduce loneliness and isolation and improve the wellbeing of older people in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan has been awarded £962,396.

Its project will provide a regional advocacy service, run in south east Wales by four Age Concern organisations developing their existing partnership.

### COMMUNITY NEWS ST BRIDES MAJOR

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**FRIENDS** of the Heritage Coast recently met at the Heritage Centre, Dunraven Bay, Southerndown, for their annual general meeting, which was well attended.

Retiring chairman, Howard Lewis, was given a vote of thanks for his work over the past few years and the new chairman for the forthcoming year was elected - Brian Acott from St Athan.

The vice-chair will be appointed from the Llantwit Major Town Council. The secretary and treasurer and committee are to remain the same and they were thanked for their work over the years.

It was agreed to drop the annual A-Z raffle but to replace it with a get-together later in the year.

It was resolved to write to the Dunraven family on the recent death of the Earl of Dunraven, president of the Friends of the Heritage Coast.

The meeting concluded with a film by ranger Paul Dunn, showing some of the work carried out by the rangers along the coast.

THE annual general meeting of the Community Council took place at All Saints Church, Southerndown, when outgoing Councillor Geoff Gaen gave a report and installed new chairman Councillor Alan Morgan with the chain of office.

The vice-chair will be Councillor A Wilson. Various committees were set up. All were commended for their work during a difficult year without a clerk.

Meetings will remain the same with an open meeting every second Monday of the month, with the exception of August at All Saints Church, Southerndown, at 7pm.

The next PACT meeting will take place on June 8 at 6pm at the Church Hall, St Brides Major.

**LADIES** Thursday Club held its annual general meeting at the school on May 12. This was a sad occasion as the club is closing after 64 years and the last event will be a luncheon at the end of July. WISHING a speedy recovery to Eva Morgan of Blaen Dewi, Wick, who is in hospital after a recent fall at her home.

All your friends hope you will be home soon.

### V A Newman Glass Quiz League

HERE are this week's teasers:

1. Which King of England died of a wound he received at Chalus-Chabrol in France in 1119?

2. Which song beginning 'Hello Darkness My Old Friend' was written by Paul Simon in wake of the assassination of President Kennedy?

3. In golf, which player is nicknamed 'The Goose'?

4. The volcano Hekla which was known as 'Gateway to Hell' because of its frequent eruptions is located in which European country?

A RUDGE (For Quiz League)

ANSWERS:  
1. Richard the Lionhearted the  
2. Sound of Silence  
3. Redef Gossan  
4. Iceland

## Epilepsy children and carers enjoy a sporting get-together!



ABOVE: The children with Ospreys star Jamie Nutbrown.

ABM's children's epilepsy nursing service recently organised a special evening out at the Liberty Stadium for children with epilepsy from Bridgend, Neath and Port Talbot.

Nineteen children, their carers, and staff from the children's epilepsy nursing service had a meal together before watching the Ospreys v Cardiff Blues game.

Ospreys star, Jamie Nutbrown, presented each of the children with an Ospreys rucksack containing an Ospreys tracksuit and jersey.

The event was organised by Lisa Phillips, children's epilepsy nurse specialist, with help from Sian Townsend, assistant lead nurse, paediatrics.

Lisa commented: "Once again, we are very grateful to Cymorth/Bridgend Children's and Young Peoples Partnership

whose funding has made this evening possible; and also for the help and support of Bethlehem Church Life Centre.

"We had a fantastic evening. The children had a wonderful time and you would never have guessed that some had never met each other before.

"The evening also gave the parents and carers a chance to meet and get to know each other."

## Were London's streets really paved with gold in the past?

IN next week's episode of the S4C family history series *Perthyn*, the subject is Welsh businesses in London, as Porthcawl's Olive Corner, originally from Ceredigion, traces her family tree, and there's a special surprise hidden in the National Library archives which amazes Olive!

In the programme on Wednesday, June 1, viewers learn about the Welsh people who moved to seek a better life in London in the late 19th and beginning of the 20th Century.

Olive's mother was born in London. Her grandparents - Evan and Gwladys Evans - ran dairy businesses in the city during the 1930s and socialised in a strong Welsh community.

At that time there were 1,700 dairies in London and many were owned by families with Welsh

names such as Evans, Lewis and Jones.

"I wanted to know their history - why they decided to move to London in the first place and what their life was like. I used to watch the drama series *Y Palman Aur* on S4C and that's how I imagine their life in London," said Olive, who is also keen to know why her grand-

parents returned to farm in Ceredigion.

"My mother was very young when they left London so she doesn't remember much. Her generation hasn't shown much interest in the past, so they can't share the story with us.

"It's the next generation who wants to know," adds Olive, who began looking into the family history following the death of her grandparents, and now regrets not asking them more about their life.

However, as the team at the National Library delves deeper into Olive's story, they uncover a connection which takes the family line back more than 1,000 years.

Not many people can claim to trace their family so far back and a discovery in the year 950 comes as a complete surprise for Olive!

Could she be a descendant of one of the most important figures in Welsh history?

*Perthyn: Wednesday, June 1, 9.30pm (English and Welsh subtitles).*



# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS



ABOVE: Beatrice Alsop Jones (on right), co-founder of MCC.

## Correct date...

I am afraid there was an error in last week's edition: the concert to raise funds for St Michael's and All Angels Church, Maesteg's restoration work is to take place on Friday, June 17, (not June 21) at 7pm.

Tickets can be obtained from choir members, or payable at the door.

## Cultural weekend

ON June 10 at 7pm, there will be a concert in Aberkenfig Bible Church, Pandy Road (Old Lyric Cinema).

Taking part will be two well-known local choirs, along with soloists renowned for winning events in both local and national competitions.

Tickets cost £5 and can be obtained from Aubrey Evans on 07737 793027 and Mr G Brace/Mr M Davies on 01656 722078/656276.

On the same evening in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Tondu and District Arts Society will have their annual summer exhibition opened by the Mayor of

Bridgend County Borough.

The exhibition will be open to the public, from June 11-14. Opening times: 10am-6pm Saturday to Monday, 10am-4pm on Tuesday. There is expected to be a total of 190 subjects on display.

## Ladies choir

OGMORE Valley Ladies Choir and Society, who each year raise thousands of pounds for charity, will be performing at a concert in The Rest, Porthcawl on Friday (May 27) at 7.30pm.

In the next 12 months they are hoping to raise enough money to buy heart monitoring machines for doctors' surgeries in Nantymoel and Ogmore Vale.

At present, patients who require this essential service have to travel to the Princess of Wales Hospital.

## Chapel service

THERE is a special anniversary service at Horeb Baptist Chapel, Nantymoel on May 28 at 4pm, to celebrate the chapel's 133rd year.

## Children's choir

I went to the Maesteg Children's Choir concert at the Salvation Army Hall, Maesteg, last Friday and was impressed by the youngsters under conductor and musical director Enid-Sian Hughes and accompanist Ryan Wood.

The first song was the Abba song, 'Thank you for the Music', which they sang with great gusto; and it set the tone for the remainder of the concert. Enid-Sian Hughes, who is also a wonderful soprano, sang four songs.

The concert raised funds for the Salvation Army. The next concert will be at Bethlehem chapel life centre, Cefn Cribw on Friday, June 17 at 7pm.

## WI talk

TIRI LARLL Women's Institute's walking group, which has been

in existence for about 15 years, recently went on an historical trail walk around Maesteg, their home town.

Their route started at what was believed to be the beginning of the horse drawn Dyffryn-Llynfy railway, past the site of the iron works which at one time had

four blast furnaces producing the iron, finishing at St Michael's and All Angels church, which had been built using stones from the old blast furnaces.

## Gleemen triumph

MAESTEG Gleemen male voice choir recently performed in Dinas Powys Bowling Club, to a capacity audience.

The choir sang from a large repertoire, which consists of more than 90 songs, under the guidance of musical director Alun Hodges, assisted by accompanist Suzanne Hodges.

The choir's tenor soloist, Gerald Seymour, received a standing ovation for his rendition of 'My Way'. There was also a great deal of applause for baritone Ken Hicks, who sang the Bette Midler hit 'The Rose'.

Guest soloist, soprano Gemma Thomas, had been a finalist in the senior section of the Bridgend young singer of the year 2011.

Gemma gave a polished and varied performance of 'Little Horses', 'Can't say no', 'I feel pretty', 'Ave Maria' and 'Songbird'.

The choir is now rehearsing for its forthcoming performance in the massed choirs prior to the Wales-Barbarians rugby game in the Millennium stadium on Saturday, June 4.

## Pupils praised

### TYNYRHEOL

Primary School, pupils Evan Davies and Josh Shepherd were selected to play for the football team representing Bridgend and District against the Vale of Glamorgan at St John's School, Porthcawl, last Tuesday.

Daniel Parker was selected to play for the Bridgend and District Schools squad in the basketball tournaments in Stoke and London next month.

LEFT: Marla Ellis preparing to dance at Sadler's Wells three years ago - now she is off to the Rambert School.

Rambert."

Marie Rambert founded the London-based Rambert School in 1920, and it remains one of the world's premier professional dance schools for training and choreographic invention. Ballet and contemporary dance are treated as equal studies.

• Three years ago, The GEM told the story of how Marla's parents Helen and Mark of Cowbridge, had managed to raise £25,000 in tuition fees to send Marla to the Arts Educational School in Tring.

Helen sold her vintage VW camper van and the people of Cowbridge supported the Ellis family with a fundraiser at the Duke of Wellington.



given by Moya Vahy, who has never lost faith in Marla's ability to perform.

Marla has also been very fortunate to win a scholarship to study at the Legat Foundations summer school in Croatia for three weeks in July which means that her fitness levels will be high - ready for the gruelling training regime at

the Duke of Wellington.

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM: If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

Contact details: CLIVE MITCHELL 1 Tyn-Y-Coed Close, Sarn, Bridgend CF32 9NQ TEL: 01656 725399 email: tyncoed1@yahoo.co.uk



## Whitsun at KPC

TEENAGERS looking for somewhere to hang out during the Whitsun half-term holidays will not find any better than KPC Youth, the charity based in Pyle.

During the half-term holiday they will be open daily (except on Bank Holiday Monday) from May 31 until June 3.

Opening times will be from 12pm-3pm for the 8 to 12 year olds and until 5pm for those aged 13 and over.

All young people from Bridgend county are welcome to attend. The centre will also be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30pm-10pm for the over-13s. On Friday evenings, the centre will be open from 5.30pm-8pm for 8 to 12 year olds and 8pm-10pm for those aged 13 and over.

There is a large range of activities on offer to young people including fishing, a skate park, pool, various sports, IT, arts and crafts and dance. The centre is located next to Pil Primary School, off Vale Inn Way, Pyle.

For further details, call into the centre or contact Alison on 01656 749219 or email to: kpcyouth@hotmail.com

## PACT meeting

THERE was another good turnout at last Thursday's PACT meeting in the Talbot Community Centre, Kenfig Hill.

The main cause for concern among those present was the indiscriminate parking in Kenfig Hill, causing obstructions at road junctions in South View, near the Goricon site close to Evans Street, on zigzag lines, roads and pavements near to schools and on Bridge Street, and also across driveways in Baiden Avenue and North Avenue.

Other motoring issues causing concern were the increase in traffic expected in the lane outside Mynydd Cynffig Junior School, once the new houses were finished on the Goricon site; speeding in all areas; and the number of drivers seen driving while using mobile phones.

Coun Luke Ellis sent a letter to the meeting raising his concerns about the Neighbourhood Police Team shift changes.

The weather was glorious and the laughter as they used nets to trawl for creatures big and small in the ponds and in the fields was nice to hear.

## Sarn service

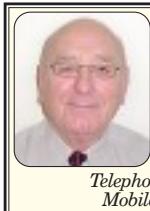
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will be a special service at the Sarn Community Centre this Sunday (May 29) at 10am, with music provided by

Llansantffraid, Betws and Aberkenfig parish band.

Everyone will be

made welcome.



COMMUNITY NEWS from KENFIG HILL AND PYLE by Richard Sims Telephone: 01656 746840 Mobile: 07802 439679 E-Mail: richardsims@talktalk.net

**Sympathy**  
IT is with sadness that I report that Sheila Edwards, a popular member of the luncheon club in the Talbot, passed away suddenly last week.

Sheila, daughter of the late EJ (Ned) and Arianwen Edwards from Blaengarw, had lived in Tredwrw, Kenfig Hill since 2002.

She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her and our thoughts are with her brother, Corris, who now lives in Llanelli.

## Community centre

LATEST news from the Talbot Community Centre, Kenfig Hill is that the luncheon club will only be held on a Wednesday and Friday.

However, the good news is that, starting on June 19 (Fathers Day), 'Gina's Kitchen' will be serving Sunday lunches in the Talbot.

# Local teenager wins a place at Rambert School

A local teenager has won a place at one of the country's most prestigious ballet schools.

Marla Ellis (16) competed against hundreds of applicants from all over the world to win the opportunity to study for a BA Hons in ballet and contemporary dance at the Rambert Ballet School.

Her mother Helen told The GEM: "She felt very honoured to win a place. Luckily for us, as the course is degree level Marla is able to apply for a student loan which has just been granted.

"We were very worried when Marla had to leave vocational school due to funding issues.

"It is extremely difficult to maintain the level of training needed to gain a pre-professional course and this would not have been possible without the terrific amount of enthusiasm and standard of teaching

by TIM CHAPMAN



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## Who wants to build what and where?

Mr N Bullimore - Ingleside, 335A New Road, Porthcawl - Conservatory to rear, porch to front, extend existing boundary wall (within Newton conservation area).

Aldi Stores Limited - Cheapside, Bridgend - Erection of hoarding at existing foodstore.

Mr Alan D Vokes - Plot adj, 19 Betws Road, Brynmenn - New dwelling and garage (rebuild).

Mr Kevin Davies - 20 Park Place, Sarn - Prefabricated extension to side and rear.

Maesteg Town Council - Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg - Place plaque of left hand side of building on front wall.

Mrs M Griffiths - 79 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend - Change of use from single dwelling to two self-contained apartments with car parking for four cars.

Mr P Tidball - 10 Dan y Coed, Blackmill - Demolish existing garage/WC utility room and construct new garage/WC/utility room to rear.

Mrs M Johnson - 49 Llys Pentre, Broadlands - Conversion from an integral garage to a room.

Mr Miles - 31 St Marys Crescent, Maesteg - Conservatory to rear elevation.

Mr N Hopkins - 16 Brynmawr Place, Maesteg - Detached garage to rear garden.

Mr R Baker - 28 Maes yr Haf, North Cornelly - Proposed single storey extension.

Mr W G Denyer - 6 Bakers Way, Bryncethin - Single storey extension (granny annexe).

# New Mayor takes helm at Porthcawl



The new Porthcawl mayor, Coun Barbara Stubbs, with her husband Bill.

PORTHCAWL has a new mayor after Coun Mary Emment-Lewis stepped down and was succeeded by the mayor-elect, Coun Barbara Stubbs.

Coun Stubbs's consort for her year of office will be her husband Bill.

The new Deputy Mayor will be Coun Alana Davies.

In her farewell address, Coun Emment-Lewis looked back on a "roller-coaster year" and said she had experienced sadness, pride, laughter, joy, frustration and satisfaction.

She said that the sadness had come following the death of fellow councillor Clive Hare, but she had then felt proud to be asked to deliver the eulogy at his funeral.

Her joy had come from attending local



The retiring mayor, Coun Mary Emment-Lewis, with consort Bob Lewis.

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New Mayor Barbara Stubbs (standing) with her deputy Alana Davies.

to raise cash for the fund.

She noted that one evening alone at the Hi-Tide had raised more than £1,000!

Her charities for the year were Tenovus, LATCH, Porthcawl Stroke Club, Guide Dogs for the Blind, the RNLI and the YMCA.

She thanked her "long-suffering fami-

ly" and her consort Bob for their support, and said she was looking forward to "me time" with her new grandchild.

She told fellow councillors: "It has been my honour and privilege to have been your mayor, and I thank you for your confidence, your trust in me, and your friendship."

## Establishing a rural produce network in the Bridgend area

Reach, the rural development programme for Bridgend, held a successful 'Meet the Producer' event earlier this month at Bridgend Recreation Centre, when 15 local food and drink producers showcased their products to 25 buyers, including wholesalers, retailers and local hospitality providers.

Reach also launched their local food directory [www.reach4food.com](http://www.reach4food.com) (hard copies available) at the event.

The directory, which features details of local food producers, retailers and hospitality providers is aimed at helping to establish a comprehensive local food network.

David Roderick, rural food coordinator for reach commented: "We are really pleased with the levels of interest shown at this event."

It proved the perfect opportunity for businesses in Bridgend to

meet with local food and drink providers passionate about their great tasting products and establish trading contacts.

"All sections of the food supply chain have a part to play in communicating with each other to raise the profile of the superb, and in many cases award winning, local foods available and help build a local food culture the area can be proud of."

Retailers and hospitality providers are now able to find out what produce is available in the area and contact the suppliers.

Mr Roderick added: "We are encouraging cooperation and dialogue between producers and retailers to create a network that will help the local economy and in particular the tourism sector by providing a visitor experience that will include great tasting local food."

"We are hoping this network will continue to grow and establish south Wales as a destination with a strong food identity."

To help local pubs, restaurants and hotels achieve this aim Reach

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Madeleine Moon MP being welcomed to the Rees Centre, Kenfig Hill, by Maizie Elfyn, co-ordinator, Face2Face, Bridgend.

## MP THANKS THOSE WHO BECOME 'BEFRIENDERS'

### BRIDGEND MP

Madeleine Moon visited the Rees Centre in Kenfig Hill recently to present certificates to six parent volunteers who had successfully completed a Face2Face foundation training course.

Unfortunately, only four of the volunteers were able to attend the ceremony: Gareth Clode, Heather Webb, Valerie Williams, Karen Parsons.

Apologies were received from Anita Davies and Fran Wright.

Scope Cymru is the Welsh arm of Scope, which offers services in Wales across the age range for parents, disabled adults and children, to enable their aspirations to be fulfilled in the same way as their non-disabled peers.

Madeleine Moon said: "It is wonderful to see more volunteers receiving their certificates and becoming befrienders to help other parents in the com-

munity.

"Face2Face offers a unique one-to-one befriending service for parents discovering their child is disabled.

"The befrienders themselves are mothers or fathers of a disabled child, and can offer much needed support and advice when coping with a new diagnosis.

"Befrienders also help with information on a range of disability services and issues for parents trying to cope in the early days."

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## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

# Heavy cost of MoD's failures at St Athan

The Defence Technical College proposed for St Athan made the news once again last week.

ITV Wales interviewed a senior manager from the former Metrix consortium, who was scathing about how the MoD handled the project over the last six years.

The manager, Lawrence Lewis, talked of 'endemic failures' in the MoD's culture, which led to delay after delay – meaning the project went billions over budget.

The plan was initially formed in 2005 and the delays amounted to more than three years. Based on the original start date, the college would have been up and running two years ago.

Mr Lewis stated that the MoD did not adapt to changing technology; that programmes aimed to last decades were taken by short-term management appointments.

All in all, his biting comments confirm some of the worries expressed to me when the Metrix plan was cancelled last year.

The Secretary of State for Defence, Dr Liam Fox says that he has had to get to grips with the department that was



**Vale MP  
Alun Cairns**  
reports to  
GEM readers

clearly mismanaged; the ultimate demonstration came when he showed that cancelling a contract for an aircraft carrier that hadn't been built would be more expensive than allowing it to go ahead!

It is important to confirm, however, that the St Athan site remains in the running for Defence Technical Training. I have had several meetings with Liam Fox to lobby and champion the case for the RAF base.

He tells me that they are currently crunching the numbers to rationalise 11 training schools on nine different sites, currently under three com-

mands, to confirm where best training can be conducted.

There was a plan to highlight the shortlist by March 31, which unfortunately wasn't possible.

I have asked for another meeting with the Secretary of State to clarify the date when the next formal announcement will be made.

I believe that the suitability of the site could mean savings to the MoD and enhanced training.

It is important to recognise that significant work has already been done and more is continuing. A large amount of technical training takes place at St Athan and I was delighted to open the new Headquarters Building ('Lancaster') at No 4 School of Technical Training on the site some weeks ago.

I also learnt about the level of training needed to produce specialist engineers of the highest calibre, and met the trainees who were working on the design and repairs of essential vehicles.

It was clear from the visit that there is significant activity on the site which is not necessarily recognised by the wider community.

*My aim is to ensure that the activity grows.*

## Colcot school pupils get more sporty!

*THE pupils at Colcot Primary School have enjoyed a very sporty week.*

*The school will be offering another after school club next week following free taster sessions at school.*

*Rob Copeland will be taking karate sessions every Tuesday. This privately-run club will add to the opportunities available to the children.*

*The children were thrilled with the opportunity to play at the Arms Park and to take part in an exciting tournament.*

*The summer schedule of after school clubs started this week with athletics, cricket and rounders on the menu for the junior children.*

*The clubs make use of the playing fields and offer a large number of children the opportunity to develop and improve*

# Jury set to consider the verdict in murder trial

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

AS THE GEM went to press yesterday (Wednesday) the jury at Cardiff Crown Court trying a Penarth mother, who is accused of murdering her 11-year-old autistic son by strangling him with a belt, were due to retire to consider their verdict.

May 9 and Freaney herself was not called to give evidence.

Police found Freaney and her son's body in the Sky Plaza Hotel, Rhoose, one year ago.

She told them "I killed him about 36 hours ago. I strangled him with a belt, were due to retire to over there by the bed."

She said he was severely autistic but would now be happy in heaven.

Freaney was described by prosecutor Gregg Taylor QC as a devoted mother.

Freaney, the jury was also told, had endured a lengthy history of domestic abuse and self harm and lived in "dirty and cluttered" conditions.

Mr Taylor claimed that the prosecution contention was that "this is a straightforward case of murder, and that will be the correct verdict."

## COMMONS MOVE

*THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has been elected by his colleagues to the member of the Welsh Affairs Select Committee.*

*He commented: "I am sorry to be responsible for considering the quality and have left the Welsh Affairs standards of administration in the Committee and although the Civil Service and scrutinises the Administration Select Committee reports of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. mandate is broader, it is equally important to the Vale and to Wales."*

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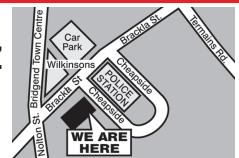
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# 'STRANGER DANGER!' WARNING AFTER MAN ATTEMPTS TO ABDUCT THREE YOUNG GIRLS

WARNINGS have been issued to parents throughout Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan, after an incident in which an attempt was made to abduct three young girls.

Police are investigating the incident, which took place last week in Talbot Green.

The girls, aged eight and ten years old were walking in Ely Valley Road at about 4pm on Monday, May 16, when a man called to them from a silver coloured car and asked if they wanted a lift.

They refused and the car, with tinted windows, then drove off.

Talbot Green Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Jeff Jones said that this was a distressing incident for the three young girls, and they are hoping that anyone who witnessed the incident will come forward.

He added: "We also ask anyone with information about the identity of this man to contact the police."

Police schools liaison

## REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

officers have been in touch with schools in the Vale and Bridgend education authorities.

A spokesman for the Vale Council said that they had asked all schools to remind staff and pupils to be vigilant at all times.

A spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said that the education authority had notified all schools of the incident.

Headteachers have then decided whether to take any further action. Some schools, although not all, have sent either letters or text messages to parents.

Rumours abounded of sightings of the silver car near schools throughout a wide area.

One mother of a child in a Vale school said that the parents' grapevine was aware of incidents in both Bridgend and Margam.

However, South Wales Police issued a statement on this subject on Tuesday, May 24.

It said: "A number of calls have been received

by police officers reporting other similar suspicious incidents.

"While these calls have been well intentioned, a number of them have already been fully investigated and we have been unfounded."

Detective Inspector Andy Jones said: "We are grateful to the public for their vigilance and we will investigate every incident that is reported to us."

"However, we ask that callers are certain of the events before they contact us, and give us as much information as possible."

Superintendent Dawn Hubbard said: "There have been a number of rumours circulating about abductions and attempted abductions in the area, as well as in Bridgend and Port Talbot."

"I want to reassure the public and parents and children in particular that no such incidents have taken place."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt Jeff Jones at Talbot Green police station on the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111.

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## HOLY TRINITY PLAQUE UNVEILED AT BARRY



Jack Fairweather unveils the plaque at Holy Trinity church.

AS previously reported, on May 14 at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, Barry, long-serving member Jack Fairweather, MBE, unveiled the plaque to officially open the new building.

This was done in the presence of more than 100 friends of the church, including Church Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev Iain Hodges, Moderator of the Association, Rev Tom Phillips and local dignitaries.

These included AM Jane Hutt, Coun Gordon Kemp and his wife, Coun Kathryn Kemp, Mayor of the Vale, Coun Colin Osborne and the Mayor, Mayor of Barry Town Council, Coun Bronwen Brooks and consort Mrs Kandi Elmore.

## School's PE gold star!

GWENFO Church-in-Wales Primary School has received a gold star after its work in PE received a glowing report.

Sport Wales and the Association for Physical Education are championing schools which recognise the importance of PE.

All schools can apply for ActiveMarc Cymru and this year, 29 schools from across Wales have sailed through.

Gwenfo was congratulated by Alun Cairns MP, who said: "Active Marc Cymru recognises that the school is committed to developing and delivering high quality physical education. Congratulations once again, and best wishes for the continued success of the school."

The chair of Sport Wales, Professor Laura McAllister, explained: "We believe that schools play an essential role in building a Wales in which children are hooked on sport for life."

"It is important that young people have positive early experiences of sport and physical activity that build a foundation for lifelong involvement in sport. This award recognises those schools that are giving our children an excellent start."

Roadworks  
Thompson Street, Barry and A 4050 Port Road East, Barry - temporary traffic control.

## CHARITY BALL

THE Miss Wales finalists will be present at the Miss and Mister Wales charity ball in aid of the Joshua Foundation at the Mercure Holland House Hotel in Cardiff on July 1, the night before the Miss Wales 2011 final.

Hosted by the reigning Miss Wales, Courtenay Hamilton, the black tie ball will include a drinks reception, three-course meal and entertainment.

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# Bonvilston concert supports the Vale's Eisteddfod effort



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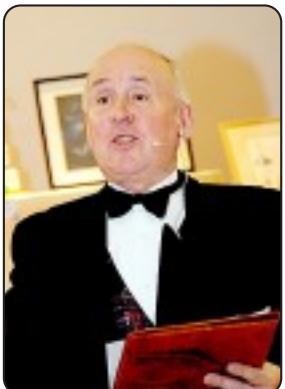
THE Vale-wide fundraising campaign to support the 2012 National Eisteddfod in Llandow was boosted recently by a concert in Bonvilston Reading Room.

The Cantorian Choir was in fine voice and a packed hall enjoyed both the ensemble and solo pieces.

**RIGHT and BELOW RIGHT:**  
Male and female members of the choir.



# PTA's CURRY NIGHT IS ENJOYED BY ALL



THE PTA at Peterston-super-Ely school recently held a fundraising curry and ice cream supper at the community hall.

It was followed by an auction, raffle and disco.

The funds raised will go towards outdoor facilities for reception and nursery pupils.

(Photographs by IAN DIXON)

## SEARCH IS ON FOR VALE'S TOP GARDENERS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has launched its annual search for the area's top gardens.

The Barry, Penarth and Villages in Bloom competitions involve residents and businesses across the Vale, with organisers selecting overall Vale in Bloom winners in best front garden and best commercial classes.

The Barry and Penarth competition will cover six classes of best front garden, most beautiful hanging basket display, best disabled gardener's entry, best children's entry (under 16), best residential/home/sheltered accommodation and best commercial entry (including schools, but with a slightly different judging criteria).

In the Villages in Bloom competitions, there will be two classes, best front garden and best commercial entry.

The competitions are free to enter, with cash prizes and plaques or certificates. Some winners can also receive the following trophies:

Front garden: Penarth's best entry in the seafront conservation area receives the Robert and Joan Ernest Trophy.

Hanging basket display: Barry winner (Peter May Memorial Trophy).

Disabled gardener: Barry winner (Tony Gatt Memorial Cup).

Children: Penarth winner (David Morgan Trophy) and Barry winner (Cabot Trophy).

The only requirement for entry is that displays must be visible from the road or footpath to the front of the property.

Application forms can be obtained from council offices in Barry (Civic and Dock), Wenvoe (The Alps) and local libraries, by telephoning 01446 700111 and on the council website [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk).

The closing date for entries is Friday, 1st July, 2011.



**Be a winner in the Vale's annual gardening competition**

### Competition Classes

#### • Barry and Penarth

1. Best Front Garden
2. Most Beautiful Hanging Basket Display
3. Best Disabled Gardener's Entry
4. Best Children's Entry
5. Best Residential Home/Sheltered Accommodation
6. Best Commercial Entry

#### • Villages

1. Best Front Garden
2. Best Commercial Entry
3. Most Beautiful Hanging Basket Display

### Entry Form

Name .....

Full Address .....

Post Code ..... Telephone No. ....

Classes .....

Please send completed form to:

Vale in Bloom, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA

- Entries must be clearly visible from the road or footpath to the front of the property.
- Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third placed entrants in each class, as the judges deem appropriate. Plaques or certificates will be awarded to prize winners in all classes. Cash prizes will be awarded for non-commercial classes only. Commercial classes can allocate their prize to a charity of their choice.
- Children entering Class 4 must be under 16.
- Entrants who win a class for three consecutive years will not be allowed to enter the following year.
- Classes for the "Vale in Bloom Competition" will be – Best Front Garden and Best Commercial Entry
- Judging will take place during the two weeks commencing Monday, 1st August, 2011.
- Judges decision will be final in all classes.
- Closing date for entries will be on Friday, 1st July, 2011.







## Students make a film about life

STUDENTS at Barry College have produced a film on young people's life choices, as part of 'Working as a Team' for BTEC workskills. It focuses on issues such as education, bullying, drugs and alcohol, as well as the impact of domestic violence. Pictured are Fast Forward Directions learners with (front) Barry College director of learning Emil Evans, assistant principal curriculum John Hilton, learning assistant Sarah Grant, general education tutor Dawn Latham, in-class support worker Sunray Heap, learning zone assistant Debbie Trezise, and head of department, general education, Martin Gordon.

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## GOLF DAY RAISED £4,500 FOR CHARITY

THE annual NFU Mutual Insurance Charity golf day, organised by local businessmen David Harris and Julian Kelly, was held last Friday at the Grove Golf Club, near Porthcawl.

More than 100 golfers of variable ability, together with the support of many local businesses, raised more than £4,500 in support of the Ed Evans Foundation.

Results from the  
Ed Evans

#### Charity Golf Day

Winning team - NFU Southport agency with 106 points, comprising Neil Kenyon, David Shove, Andy Hilditch and James Skelton; runners-up - Laleston Lads team with 105 points, comprising Julian Kelly, Marc O'Sullivan, Gareth Jones and Paul Hodgkiss.

Third team - Big Foot Creative with 103 points, comprising Matthew Rees, Ray Murray, Joe Muir and Gareth Rees.

Best endeavour - The Leinster supporters team

with 43 points; Eddie, Tony and Paddy Collins with Aubrey Thomas.

Men's individual - Andy Hilditch with 41 points.

Men's individual runner up - Marc O'Sullivan with 36 points.

Ladies individual - Sarah Morris with 31 points.

Ladies individual runner up - Marianne Allan with 28 points.

Men's longest drive - Matthew Rees.

Ladies longest drive - Dr Gail Price.

Nearest the pin 4th hole - sponsored by The Red Fox, Penllyne - Darrell Hammond.

Nearest the pin 7th hole - sponsored by The Grove Golf Club - Haydn Painter.

Nearest the pin 12th hole - sponsored by The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge - Marc O'Sullivan.

Nearest the pin 18th hole - sponsored by Huddarts Restaurant, Cowbridge - Paul Davy.

Correctly guessing the number of balls that would be lost (247) - Jim Hayes.

TMCC



David Harris presenting the cheque to Mrs Sue Evans, mother of Ed Evans.



Clive Thomas collects the best endeavour prize.

## VALE BRIDGE CLUB WINS A £2,613 LOTTERY GRANT

VALE of Glamorgan Bridge Club held a celebration on Monday at Cowbridge Rugby Club, to mark a Big Lottery Awards For All grant of £2,613 to purchase computer 'Bridgemate' equipment. Jane Hutt AM handed over the cheque.

The club was formed in 1987 at the Cowbridge Leisure Centre. the committee included myself as chairman, Dennis Smith as vice chairman, Mrs Marjorie Smith as treasurer and Pat Swain as secretary, who are all present members, and now joined by Graham Norris as tournament director and Barbara Easterbrook and Margaret Bancroft as committee officers.

In 1997, we moved to the



Brian Swain and his wife Pat with Jane Hutt AM.

British Legion Club and changed years up to the present time. It is intended that the new equipment now purchased will enable us to join other bridge clubs in offering immediate scoring of bridge events electronically at the end of each session, and also hopefully to recruit new members. Cowbridge Rugby Club premises where we have spent many happy

BRIAN SWAIN

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# LOCAL STREET DANCE TEAMS SHINE IN WELSH SCHOOLS COMPETITION

DANCERS from four of the Vale secondary schools competed in the UDO Welsh Inter High School street dance competition on May 14 at Newport Leisure Centre against schools from across Wales.

The youngsters aged between 11-18 years competed in duos and team divisions before a judging panel of professional dancers and choreographers.

The event was supported by the Sports Council of Wales 5x60 initiative which aims to get teenagers taking regular exercise each week.

Local schools taking part were Bryn Hafren, St Richard Gwyn, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Cowbridge.

The duo section had entries from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg with Sophia Hathaway and Millie Charles Davies, Elysia Bobbott and partner Kerys Jenkins.

St Richard Gwyn was represented by Christina Tsenti and Frankie McGill, Keera Gravett and Olivia Miller and Callum Osborne and Chloe Parris took second place in the final with their outstanding duet.

Cowbridge, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Bryn Hafren had teams perform to a very high standard in the junior division but only the top five were chosen to compete at the national finals later on this year in Blackpool - two Vale schools were successful in that.

Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg's 'Composure' comprised year 7, 8 and 9 students; Chloe Staples, Kimberley Williams, Tesni Sewell, Elysia Bobbott, Chenice Lincoln, Evie Carter, Kerys Jenkins, Lowri Clarke, Millie Charles Davies and Sophia Hathaway.

This piece choreographed by their 5x60 dance tutor Sophie Squires and dance leader Samantha Owens, achieved fifth place.

Bryn Hafren 'Dolls' had the following students perform from year 7, 8 and 9 - Chloe Dawkins, Tillie Carter, Leah Shepperd, Rachel



Adrenaline Dance Crew, Bryn Hafren



'Composure', Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg.



Hazelton, Mollie Snell, Amber Summers, Shannon Close, Chloe Davies, Kelsey Eady, Elizabeth Scott, Caitlyn Organ, Rebecca Weighell and Courtney Howells.

This unique dance piece choreographed by their 5x60 dance tutor Emma Mallam and dance leader Ellie Carter, achieved second place.

The senior division was represented by St Richard Gwyn High School and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive.

Si Richard Gwyn were unlucky to miss out on the national finals by coming sixth in the competition with their dance piece 'Recess' choreographed by Emma Mallam and dance leader Yazmin Harcourt.

Dancers Keera Gravett, Olivia Miller, Olivia Harris, Olivia McCormack, Callum Osborne, Chloe Parris, Frankie McGill, Christina Tsenti, Amber Horton, Ellie Gillard, Kate Spence and Paige Jones were devastated.

They were pleased, however, that dancers from Bryn Hafren

from Bryn Hafren

were all confident and interesting to watch.

Thanks go to all the tutors and 5x60 officers from each school for their hard work and support.

EMMA MALLAM

## BARRY TOWN BUY-OUT ON OFFER TO FANS

BARRY TOWN fans are in a league level race against time to ensure the club can play in the

MacWhirter Welsh League for the 2011-12 season.

Supporters need to raise the sum of £125,000 and be able to make additional payments in years to come.

A statement on the club's website explained: 'Barry Town AFC Ltd is being offered for sale at a reduced price in order for the first team to continue playing in the Welsh League.

'The club is being offered at a £125,000 down payment with further instalments of £2,000 per month for three years.'

If fans or an individual buyer can't raise the necessary funds, it won't mean the end of the club, but the chairman Stuart Lovering has decided he can no longer pay out subsidies to the senior team.

The statement points out: 'If no buyer is found the club will continue to operate children and youth teams, as well as adult teams - but at a lower

level.'

'The club might therefore appeal

to a couple of guys or a family who would like to own and run their own bar and football club with scope for greater income from starting food sales in the 400 capacity clubhouse that overlooks the stadium from the first floor.'

The statement concludes: 'Alternatively, one or more business people may be interested in running the club as a self-funding enterprise to enjoy the football side of the business.'

Serious investors are invited to contact Mr Lovering on 07751 441 561.

ABOVE: 'Recess', St Richard Gwyn.

## Community council elects new chairman



Outgoing chairman Coun John Huw Williams transferring the chairmanship to incoming chairman Coun Christopher Williams.

AT the annual general meeting of the Dinas Powys Community Council last week in Lee Hall, Coun Gale Smith proposed Coun Christopher Williams as chairman of Dinas Powys Community Council.

He said that he had been a community councillor for nearly 20 years after winning a by-election in 1992.

Educated at Fitzalan High School and the University of Wales Institute (UWIC) where he studied electrical engineering and electronics, he went on to a successful career as a sales engineer.

In 1980, he and his wife Jacqui moved to Dinas Powys and have three sons, Rhodri, Bryn and Ioan.

In 2000, he became a county councillor for Dinas Powys and served briefly in the Labour/Plaid cabinet holding the portfolio for planning and transportation.

He is chairman of scrutiny for economic development and environment, as well as being scrutiny champion for the Vale.

He is also chairman of Prospect Gwyrdd (Green Project) joint security panel for the combined councils of Cardiff, Caerffili, Monmouthshire, Newport and the Vale.

## Kay aims to be Welsh Learner of the Year

A VALE woman is one of the four finalists in line for the Welsh Learner of the Year title.

Kay Holder works as a private tutor in Spanish, French and German. Originally from Penarth, she lives in Dinas Powys and started learning Welsh at the Cardiff held National Eisteddfod in 2008.

She is now helping preparations for the 2012 National Eisteddfod which will be held at Llandow in the Vale.

Kay said: 'I'm a vegan and I attend

the Eisteddfod to promote veganism, and discovered a new language, culture and world.'

'I also started learning the harp at the Eisteddfod in Cardiff and have already completed the Grade 3 exam. So the Eisteddfod changed my life!'

Kay studied Welsh when living in England, and after returning to Wales, has attended refresher courses and Siawsm am Siarad 4.

The Welsh Learner result will be announced at this year's National Eisteddfod in Wrexham on July 30-August 6.

Open Farm Sunday TO mark Open Farm Sunday - an annual event where people can meet local farmers who grow their food and care for the countryside - Slade Farm organics are opening their farm gates on Sunday, June 12 for a free day out.

Activities include tractor and trailer rides, pig-racing and a farm olympics, a gentle farm walk and a reviving cup of tea!

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH &amp; DISTRICT RAMBLERS

## Walkers enjoy looking out from Holy Mountain

ON an overcast morning, a group of 15 walkers, including leader Clive, made their way to Llanvihangel Crucorney at the start of a nine-mile walk in the area, beginning at possibly the oldest pub in Wales – the Skirrid Inn, which dates back to 1100.

Crossing the main A465 road with care, the group headed down the driveway of the privately owned Llanvihangel Court, a 15th century Tudor manor house which contains some fine 17th century panelling, plaster ceilings and a fine oak staircase.

Continuing along a tree-lined lane, they crossed fields to reach a lane, which in turn led them to Pen-y-Parc, where they paused to enjoy morning coffee.

Skirrid Mountain or Holy Mountain or Sacred Hill as it is known, is

a small wood to return to

JOY STRANGWARD

## Penarth Computer Club news

*Mike F spoke about AutoCorrect to remind us how useful and customisable it can be. These are his (edited) notes:*

**INITIALLY,** I would point out that the software I use is 'Open Office' which is a free download. It operates in most aspects exactly the same as 'Microsoft Word'. For this cameo talk, my experience indicates

that the Auto correct function is identical.

Before examining Auto correct in detail, note two related icons on the toolbar marked 'ABC'. The one with the tick underneath it (when clicked) will undertake a grammar and spell check of the whole document. The other icon, the 'ABC' with the wavy line underneath, switches on and off the 'Auto spell Check' function that draws a wavy line under-

neath any word the computer doesn't recognise. If you click on the relevant word it will provide a list of the words you might intend.

To access 'Auto correct' you click on the Form a t > Auto correct>Auto correct Options. This opens the Auto correct dialogue box. This displays four tabs, namely 'Replace', 'Exceptions', 'Localised Options' and 'Word Completion'.

Taking these tabs in sequence, 'Replace' lists

those words that are

commonly misspelled together with the correction that will be made. In addition, if there are any words you constantly mistype you can add these too. There is a useful function in this section which is not always appreciated. If you regularly write the same phrase, sentence or paragraph you can insert a code (a deliberate misspelling!) in the left hand box and in the replace box write what you want instead.

Thereafter, whenever you type the relevant code, when you press the spacebar your phrase, sentence or paragraph will be substituted. eg mfa(spacebar) will insert my full address because I have set it to do this.

Next along the line is 'Exceptions'. This does what it says on the tin! For example, if you wish to abbreviate the word accountant to acct; if you write acct, it might automatically insert the full word, but as it is in the exceptions list if you type acct, with a full stop after the 't' it will accept it.

After this comes 'Options' – this one largely speaks for itself, here you can tick boxes to select those functions you wish to use.

'Localised Options' allows you to set the system to ensure whenever you type 1, followed by s, and t, it makes it 1st. In the same way you can opt to use single or double quote marks.

The final 'Word Completion' tab completes the word it thinks you want. Eg, 'comp' might be completed as 'completion', hit enter to accept the change. Some find this unhelpful as wrong assumptions then need editing! You could use the crafty cheat under the 'Replace' tab as described above.

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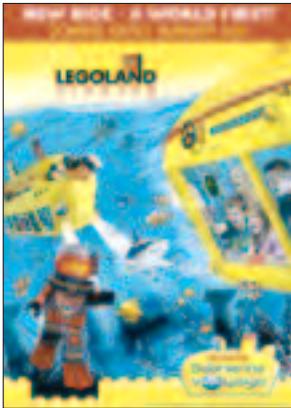
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**T**HERE must be more than a few parents who approach half term and cast a wistful eye back towards childcare in the Enid Blyton era.

Remember the adventures of the Famous Five and the Secret Seven?

There were no parents anywhere to be seen in the stories. The kids were packed off to stay with an aunt in some secluded area far from the nearest town, but that one adult's only purpose was to provide a bed for the night, give them a packed lunch, and provide a slap-up

evening meal with, of course, 'lashings of ginger beer'!

As far as the Famous Five or Secret Seven were concerned, there were no organised play sessions or issues with parental supervision.

The kids provided their own entertainment by catching a gang of international smugglers, or perhaps by discovering the lair of a nest of spies!

However, times change and there is no point moaning about it. The world is different now and you can't go back.

Traditionalists may

complain that children

today lead a hermetically sealed existence

with no opportunity to

go on...

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This is a surprise, because sports reports here in The GEM suggest that the Saturday or Sunday morning ritual of mini football or mini rugby is still going strong.

For modern parents, the cup overflows with opportunities to give their child experiences that can be enriching, educational and fun!

After-school activities, whether at school or at any one of a myriad of evening sessions, already have parents following a timetable that is based around giving their child a chance to try different things,

whether that be swimming, gymnastics, chess, drama – the list goes on...

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not surprisingly, children prefer to do the things they are good at. Somehow the joys of self improvement are lost on a young one.

Perhaps the thing to do is use times such as half term to embrace the different possibilities. On these pages there so many to choose from.

Half term is an ideal time to experiment. Do some old favourites but make sure you try a few new things to see how your child takes to them.

And finally... Well, you can always send them and a few friends out for the day to see if they catch some smugglers – with supervision, of course!

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The Barry and Llanwit Major leisure centres will be closed on Monday, May 30, while Cowbridge Leisure Centre, Penarth Leisure Centre and Holm View Leisure Centre will all close early at 5pm on that day.

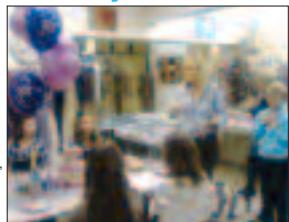
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# FRIDAY THE 13TH, LUCKY FOR SOME!

FRIDAY the 13th was certainly not an unlucky day for personnel at MoD St Athan - the weather might not have been up to much, but there was sunshine and smiles from SWARM members Diane Jones, Helen Taylor, Leah Lewis, and Stephanie White.

They toured the site with a wonderful selection of homemade cakes to sell in aid of Ty Hafan. During the morning, the sale of cakes raised more than £246 which went towards their sponsorship of the event.

SWARM members had again signed up to take part in the Ty Hafan Sleep Walk which took place in Cardiff on the night of Friday, May 13. The ladies walked from the Millennium Stadium around the city centre before heading to Cardiff



Left to right: *Midnight Sleep Walkers*, Leah Lewis, Stephanie White, Diane Jones and Helen Taylor.

Bay and then returning to the stadium.

The walk covered eight miles and to aid visibility and to keep the walkers safe, the organisers issued each participant with flashing bunny ears and glow jewellery to wear with their pyjamas.

The ladies started arriving back at the stadium in the early hours of Saturday morning with the stragglers making it back by 3.30am!

SWARM member Diane, who walked with her daughter, Alison, said: "The *Midnight Sleep Walk* is a chance for women to show their support for mothers who have to endure endless nights with no sleep to care for their children."

"The walk is a much-needed event to not only raise money, but also to raise awareness of the work that Ty Hafan does to help these mothers when their child has a life-limiting medical condition."

It was hoped that the 400 *Midnight Sleep Walkers* at the Cardiff event would raise over £4,000 in just one night!

A difficult challenge, but achievable - and there couldn't be a more worthwhile cause. JB

## Businessman's national award

BARRY businessman Clive Thomas has been awarded the 'leadership in private sector' award at this year's 2011 *Leading Wales* awards, which recognise leadership across all levels, in association with Real Radio Wales.

He was one of three finalists in the category and was recognised for 'setting an example and leading from the front'.



ABOVE: Clive Thomas.

## Another great GEM younger readers' competition

The GEM has joined forces with The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl to offer two free pairs of tickets to this Saturday's High School Rocks extravaganza.

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Even if you're not successful, you can still book tickets for High School Rocks. Tickets are £12 and are available from the Grand Pavilion Box office on 01656 815995, or you can book online at [www.grandpavilion.co.uk](http://www.grandpavilion.co.uk)



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## BARRY RFC 2010/11 SEASON REVIEW

### Successful season for rugby teams

AFTER being promoted as champions the season before, hopes were high that the Barry First XV were going to perform well again this season, under the management of Prosser and Gibbons.

The season got off to a flying start, with the team winning three on the trot, including two games where they achieved bonus points.

Hopes for successive promotions, however, were soon dented by a poor run of results, not helped by a mounting list of injuries to players in key positions.

Through hard work by the coaching staff and players, on and off the field, the team finally turned the corner just before Christmas when they notched a hard-earned win at home against Nantymoel.

With the turn of the year, more injuries meant that players graduating from the Second XV and youth team were given their shot in the first team, and they all performed admirably.

The combination of experience and youthful enthusiasm in the squad was reflected in the results, culminating in a derby victory against promotion-chasing Llanwit Major.

The green and whites finished strongly towards the end of the season, ending in fifth position, and having beaten three of the four teams above them in the table.

The future appears bright, and praise must be given to the coaching staff, management team and all the players involved.

**Barry Second XV**  
WITH both the First XV and youth team winning their respective leagues last season, many believed this would be the season for the Second XV.

With former player Dai Griffith joining the coaching staff alongside Rhidian Scott, and team manager Charlie Chucas continuing where he left off last season, the team got off to a flyer.

With a huge amount of players to choose from, many talented players were left out of the match squad altogether, but that did not affect the cohesion, as was reflected in the on-field results.

There was an extra steel in the Barry Second XV attitude and a determination to win every single game, culminating in some fantastic attacking rugby.

Nine straight wins before Christmas propelled them to the top of

the table, with impressive displays, particularly away at Pontyclun and Old Illydians.

A slight dip in form just after the turn of the year, partially due to injuries and first team call-ups, failed to dampen the spirit of the squad, and it all came down to the last home game against Clwb Rygbi, when the team ran in six tries to secure the title and promotion.

The season showcased the talent that was available in the squad and that the players were no longer just happy with taking part.

The fantastic winning attitude was a pleasure to see and the coaching staff must be congratulated on creating such a positive mentality.

#### Barrians

FOR many years, there was a struggle to find sufficient players to field a second team, but their success this season has seen the creation of a third team - the Barrians.

With player-manager Ken Chow persuading William Knapman out of retirement to help manage the team, many former players were lured back to don the green and white jersey once more with pride.

Blending the experience of these former players with the enthusiasm of others who have only just started playing rugby, the Barrians slowly found their way.

There were some disappointing results against much stronger opposition, but the team finally earned their first win away at Wick, followed by back-to-back victories against Sea View and Cardiff HSOB in November.

The Barrians continued to evolve in the second half of the season as more players joined, and their game against Spanish opposition from Vic was a celebration of rugby, with the match being played in good spirits.

The team will hope to build on their foundations laid this season and to continue to support the two teams above them, while also allowing players to enjoy themselves on the pitch.

#### Club news

THE Barry RFC club dinner will be held on June 18. Tickets are limited, and are £10 for players and £15 for non-players.

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### Findlay's Find wins point-to-point race

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Both the winner and runner-up are qualified with the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt, and when *Chesnut Annie*, under her regular pilot Isabel Tompsett, went clear of *Lucky Nellie* approaching the 12th fence, her backers must have thought the 10-year-old mare was on her way to her 30th success.

But it was not to be, as the remarkable five-year-old *Findlay's Find*, who was winning for the third time in just seven days, overtook her much older rival three fences from the finish and went on to win by six lengths, with *Bob Bites Back*, ridden by Nick Williams, a distant third.

Williams had been aboard *Findlay's Find* when it had won at Laleston the previous Saturday and three days later, when winning the ladies' open at Cottlesstone, Claire Hart had been in the saddle.

However, the winning rider on this occasion was Richard Burton, who is something of a legend in hunt-racing circles having ridden more than 400 winners.

Earlier, *Chesnut Annie*'s rider Isabel Tompsett had won the members' race on Jason Parfitt's lazy grey *Turbulence*, who had to be coaxed around by the reigning Welsh champion rider and eventually won by 15 lengths from *Rich Nomad*.

There was a good finish to the confined race in which former Dudley Cup winner *Cottage River*, ridden by Jodie Hughes, beat *Hollow Ranger*, ridden by Ben Poste, by three parts of a length.

*Princesse De Rome*, partnered by Nick

Williams, looked like winning but run down the last fence and finished a further half-length away in third.

Jodie, who is making a bold bid for the Welsh ladies championship, said: "I must have been two lengths behind jumping the last and this is my sixth winner of the season."

Jodie's partner, Paul Tolman, took the restricted race on Dr Simon Clarke's 10-year-old *Diddle Em* which jumped the last fence alongside *Spring Haze* ridden by Tom David.

*Diddle Em*, a 12-1 chance, won by two-and-a-half lengths and was winning for the first time in three years.

The biggest cheers heard at a Welsh point-to-point in years went to Paul Sheard, who landed the young horse maiden race on his seven-year-old bay gelding *Gouranga Society*. Paul (40) from Culverhouse Cross in Cardiff, survived a bad mistake at

2006.

Young Bradley Gibbs, who rides out for Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, recorded his seventh winner of the season when winning the aged horse open maiden on Paul Riddick's nine-year-old bay mare *Sheer Brilliance*, who scored by seven lengths from *Peterman* ridden by David Prichard.

BRIAN LEE

### Jockey seriously injured in race

A FEMALE jockey with strong connections to the Vale and Bridgend county borough has been seriously injured in a fall at a race in England.

The leading amateur rider Isabel Tompsett, who many hunt-racing enthusiasts in the Vale will associate with Beth Roberts' prolific winner *Chesnut Annie*, is - at the time of writing - on a life support machine at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Isabel (28) sustained serious head injuries after falling from *Leopold* in a hurdle race at Fakenham on Sunday, stopped breathing twice and had to be resuscitated by paramedics.

She was taken to Norwich and Norfolk Hospital but later transferred to Cambridge.

Only 24 hours earlier, the reigning Welsh champion point-to-point rider had been successful on

the grey *Turbulence* at the Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Steeplechases at Lower Machen.

She later finished second on *Chesnut Annie* to *Findlay's Find* in the mixed open race (see article above).

Isabel, an equine vet of high regard, is well known to Vale trainers Evan Williams and Tim Vaughan, and has won many point-to-point races in the Vale.

She has ridden winners on the flat, over hurdles and over jumps and won the 2009-10 female jump jockeys' title.

On Tuesday (May 24) it was reported that doctors were confident that Isabel had no serious neck or spinal injuries, and they had removed her neck brace.

A statement said that she was still heavily sedated, and that no change was expected in the next two or three days.

BRIAN LEE

# Bryn Hafren girls say farewell as they move on to higher education and the real world!

YEAR-11 pupils at Bryn Hafren school, Barry, took a break from studying for exams to come to their leaving ceremony.

They were addressed by head-teacher Phil Whitcombe, and certificates were handed out in a ceremony in the school hall.

Afterwards, the girls got together in form groups, or with friends, for the more recent tradition of signing shirts, as a memento of their time together in Bryn Hafren.

*Pictures by IAN DIXON*



## Cadets learn about times past in Barry town

Photographs by Paul Jones  
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CADETS from Penarth, Barry and Llandaff North detachments, took part in an inter-generational learning day at Barry Library, to coincide with the launch of Dr Jonathan Hicks' book, *The Dead of Mametz*.

Also at the event was Mrs Eileen Younghusband, providing a presentation on her book *Not An Ordinary Life*, and members of the local World War II re-enactment society.

Cadets gave presentations on field cooking, basha building and living comfortably in the field, and first aid skills. They also met and talked to a lot of members of the public.

To find out more about the Army Cadet Force, call 07779 693555, or visit [www.armycadets.com](http://www.armycadets.com).



# Ring trees and tooth fairy pouches show pupils' enterprise!



THE YEAR-6 pupils and their teacher, Sue Thomas, at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School were very busy during the spring term working on their Mini Enterprise project.

Among the many handmade products they produced were jewellery, ring trees, tooth fairy pouches, pen holders and adorable pebble pets. They also made fancy cakes and sweets.

They held their fair last Friday after school and were inundated with eager customers who couldn't wait to bag a bargain. The youngsters thoroughly enjoyed their hands-on lesson in the world of commerce and their efforts raised a whopping £285 for Cancer Research.

Headteacher Richard Ware was impressed by the children's enthusiasm and keen business sense. Last week, Helen, a representative from the Marie Curie Foundation, was invited along to the school assembly to receive the cheque.

She warmly thanked Mrs Thomas and the pupils of Year 6 for a fantastic effort in raising money for this excellent cause.

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## Hammer Strength Gym provides a lift for local weight trainers

EXTRA muscle has been added to leisure facilities in Barry – with the opening of the new Hammer Strength Gym at Holm View Leisure

a spokesperson said.

A spokesperson said: "The new gym is perfect for anyone who is serious about their weight training, and is the latest in a series of exciting improvements that are being made in local communities across the town as part of the multi-million pound Barry regeneration fund."

£100,000 was awarded by the Welsh Government for the Hammer Strength project, and the

new gym is a huge improvement on the old Hammer Strength Gym, which was located just a mile away at the Colcot Sports Centre."

An area of the gym is dedicated to boxing training, with several punch bags and space for pad work, while a qualified member of staff will always be on duty to help with training advice.

Both the male and female changing rooms have been completely refurbished while the CCTV system has also been upgraded.

Speaking at the official opening

Coun Anthony Ernest, said: "I am delighted to see how an underutilised area of Holm View Leisure Centre has been transformed into another high quality leisure facility for the town."

"I fully appreciate that a number of customers were concerned that the council was taking a much-loved facility away from the Colcot Sports Centre, but the feedback so far since the move has been extremely positive."

"I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this project happen in such a short period of time."

## St. Aubin's, Cowbridge Two Nurseries in One

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# St Aubin's Nursery brings its childcare ethos to Cowbridge

IT is not every day that a business opens in Cowbridge that will offer 50 new jobs, but that is the case with the opening of St Aubin's Nursery.

The former medical centre in the Old Hall Gardens has been transformed into a modern nursery with a range of facilities for children from six weeks to school age, and the setting is a perfect fit as far as the owner of St Aubins, Sue Evans, is concerned.

The nursery is open now, although the grand official opening will not take place until July, and Sue Evans spoke to The GEM about what prompted her to get involved in the care of young children.

She said: "The over-riding thing is that I love being with children. They are so honest, so funny and so direct – and I love to watch them develop."

Sue's first job in childcare was in a Welsh language play group, and she became a trustee of the Llandough Special Needs Children Centre – an experience that only increased her desire to work with children.



driven.

Shortly after, in 1990, she discovered that a French woman in Penarth was selling her nursery.

However, that lady was particular and, rather than just talking cash, Sue found herself being interviewed to see if the lady felt she was a suitable person to take over.

Luckily, Sue passed the test and bought St Aubin's Nursery in Penarth. Sue said: "She explained that St Aubin was the patron saint of children, so I decided to keep the

name!"

The name brought good fortune too, because the venture was a success, and Sue retained the name every time she looked at a new venture.

Expansion has been steady, giving each nursery several years to bed down and establish its own atmosphere before contemplating a new one.

At the same time, Sue kept up to date with developments in the field and is now the vice-chair of the National Day Nursery Association.

However, Sue lived in Cowbridge for several years and always wanted to open in the town, and she jumped at the chance when the medical centre became available.

The result is two nurseries in one – a Welsh language one, and an English equivalent – with dedicated staff for each. The two groups have their own areas, although there are certain play areas that are shared.

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### 'WE GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO HELP THE PARENTS'



ABOVE: Osian has the honour of being the first little one to start at the nursery.

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Apart from the regular staff, a series of specialists are employed. A GP can advise staff or concerned parents, and the team can also draw on the talents of teachers, a nurse, play workers, a drama coach, and even sign language teachers.

When St Aubin's bought the medical centre, it came with six parking spaces outside in the car park alongside the town walls. Sue also became the owner of a sizeable chunk of the Old Hall gardens.

She told The GEM: "One of the reasons that I was so delighted to get this site was that I had

been so impressed by the Cowbridge Physic Garden. When I discovered that the Old Hall Gardens were being revamped, I spoke to the Charter Trust to try and work with them.

"They have been so helpful and they are really doing a fantastic job."

In fact, when the official opening is held on Saturday, July 16, there will be celebrity guests and stalls in aid of charity, with the money raised shared between the Charter Trust and the Alzheimer's Society.

The nearby gardens fit in perfectly with Sue's philosophy, which is to let children enjoy the open air whenever



possible. The nursery operates the Foundation Phase education system, learning through play, often outdoors, as advocated by the Welsh Assembly, but Sue's nurseries have been doing this for a lot longer.

All her nurseries are attached to parks, and her staff are used to letting children explore their surroundings while keeping a careful eye on them.

Sue added: "I have a fantastic group of

people working for me, and everyone becomes part of the St Aubin family. We bend over backwards to help parents because we believe we should support the family unit.

"I think you have to look after your parents too, because some of them travel a long way to bring their children here.

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**Gymnastics**

THE British Schools Gymnastics Floor and Vault Championships were held over the weekend at Fenton Manor Sports Complex, Stoke on Trent.

The girl's team at under-13 were representing Wales as a region against Northern Ireland, Scotland and 15 regions from England.

This was a very strong competition at this level with the girl's team being first on the floor on Friday morning.

The judge's marks seemed slightly harsh for the girls compared with the rest of the day, but the girls gave their best and finished in the top ten regions.

Individual Scores	Vault	Floor	Total
Jasmine Stevens	8.30	7.05	15.35
Jordan Stevens	8.05	5.85	13.90
Bridgett Walters	8.20	6.45	14.65
Mia Sexton	8.90	7.90	16.80
Ellie Medicott	-	5.45	-
Stephanie Sanders	8.35	-	-



Glan Williams presents the man of the match award to Scott Jones.

**Rugby**

THE annual school First XV v The Old Boys game was played recently at Cowbridge Rugby Club.

With the school side still fatigued from winning the National Vase two nights earlier, the Old Boys claimed a famous 19-12 victory.

The school side was missing the very influential Ben Smith and Reuben Tucker, and the Old Boys took advantage of this with some early dominance up front.

Scott Jones starred for the Old Boys at outside half and formed a great partnership with former captain Tom Howson.

Rhys Allin looked dangerous for the school team and Christian Roberts Walters showed glimpses of brilliance on the wing.

Gus Rees McPherson has been outstanding all season and carried lots of ball for the school side.

With both teams electing to run the ball at all times, the game was fast, flowing and open. The Old Boys deserved the close win after dominating large periods of the second half.

The game was followed by a presentation and dinner in the Cowbridge Rugby clubhouse.

Man of the match was deservedly won by Scott Jones from the Old Boys and player of the year was a two-way battle between Rhys Allin and captain Ben Smith.

The award went to Ben who showed excellent leadership skills throughout the season.

The team would like to send out a huge thank you to all parents, staff and to Dai Thomas for refereeing the game.

A special mention has to go to Cowbridge Rugby Club for their continued support and for providing a venue and meal for the game and presentation evening respectively.

The club will start pre-season training in the summer and all boys are welcome to attend.

**Indoor Cricket**

THE City of Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Schools indoor six-a-side under-13 tournament was held at Sophia Gardens Glamorgan Cricket Centre, Cardiff.

In a two innings match against Fitzalan School, Cowbridge scored well with a first innings of 96 for 3 off 10 overs, Oliver Pike 25 not out, the second innings were 120 for 1, Tom Lucas 24 not out, Matthew Harper 21 not out, Jonathan Harvey 23 not out, Oliver Pike 22 not out.

Fitzalan were dismissed for 44 in the first innings, (Rian Thomas 2 for 15. The second innings 49 all out, Adam Jones 2 for 6, Matthew Harper 2 for 11).

Whitchurch - 44 all out, (Rian Thomas 20 not out). 54 second innings, (Oliver Pike 19).

The strong team of Whitchurch passed the totals comfortably to win the tournament.

**NEC**

THE British Schools Sports Hall Athletics Championships were held at the NEC Birmingham, and 10 boys from Cowbridge Comprehensive School represented the county of Cardiff, and Vale Schools athletics represented Wales as a region at the above championships.

Having won the under-13 and under-15 boys age group at the Welsh championships in March, the county teams represented Wales as a region against Northern Ireland, Scotland and 15 regions of England.

Under-13 boys: the team finished ninth out of 18 regions with top performance of the day coming from county captain Tom Trotman of Cowbridge. Tom finished second in the high jump on count back with 1m 63cms. He also finished eighth in the two-lap race and sixth in the 4 x 2 lap relay team.

The next placed athlete was Ellis Rosser, seventh out of 36 in the six-lap race with 77.00 secs. Rian Thomas and Scott Thomas finished eighth in the eight-lap parlour.

Nathan Robson was 10th for shot 9m 66; Kristian Jones 12th in the four-lap 49.10 secs; Harrison Stevens (year-7) 12th in the vertical jump 51cms;

# School gymnasts finish strongly at the British championships



Glan Williams presents the man of the match award to Scott Jones.



Team Physiotherapist of the Year award

and Daniel Oddy competed both in the obstacle relay and 4 x 1 lap relay.

Under-15s: Oliver Trotman from year-13 took the responsibility of managing this age group to help Glan Williams and what a fantastic job he did. He jelled the team together to produce the best set of results the county have had at this level.

With two Cowbridge boys in the team of seven, led by George Griffiths with Rafi Shizard, they finished third in the team event out of 18 regions.

Both George and Rafi collected bronze medals in the 4 x 2 lap race. However, George picked up another three medals; a bronze in the two-lap race and silver in the standing long jump, equaling the Welsh record of 2m 8.2 and bronze in the individual all rounder's section out of 60 athletes.

Well done to all athletes who represented the school with distinction at the highest level possible. A big thank you to Oliver Trotman, who gave up his Sunday to help and support the county, using his experience of three previous visits as a competitor.

**Athletics**

THE year-12 and 13 pupils took part in the Cardiff and Vale Senior Championships. There were low numbers competing due to examinations, and Cowbridge fielded the biggest team and consequently won the team competition.

Sabrina James came first in the 1,500m in 6m 20.2, Holly Preece came first in the 3,000m in 15m 23 and Alyson Bater second in 10m 10.

Georgia Jackson came second in the 100 hurdles in 21.2, second in the triple jump with 7m 81 and first in the javelin with 15m 96, while N i e o 1 e Collier came first in the high jump with 1m 35. Louise Edwards came second in the shot putt with 6m 96 and second in the hammer with 14m 96, and the girls relay team came third.

In the senior girls event there were four county champions. Georgia Keneleys came third in the 100m in 15.7, fourth in the 800m with 3.14 and sixth in the long jump with 3m 71.

Jessica Hayes came third in the 100m with 15.9 and second in the 200m with 32.6.

Lydia James came fifth in the 200m with 36.8 and eighth in the long jump with 3m 01.

Katie Howson came second in the 400m with 77.0 and third in the javelin with 14m 04.

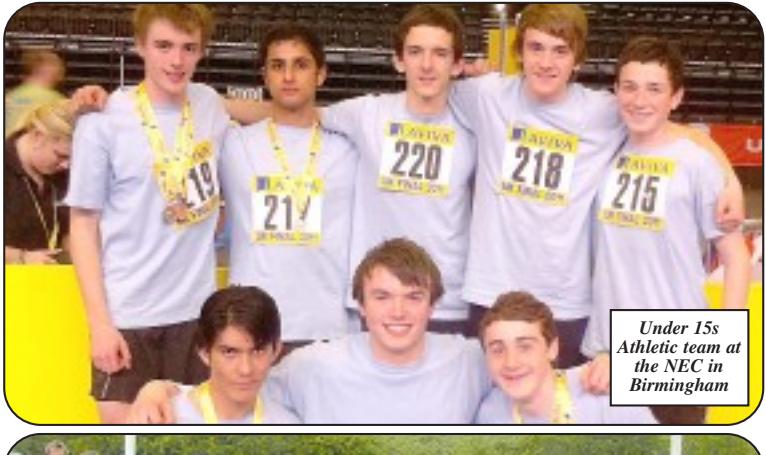
Verity Morgan came fifth in the 800m with 3m 14.

The boys fared nearly as well as the girls. Sam Bunkham was the only county champion in the triple jump with a jump of 11m 67; Sam also came 7th in the 100m with 13.2 and 2nd in the long jump with 7m 24.

Jack Laidlaw came 4th in the 200m with 27.2 and 4th in both the long and triple jump.

Sam Street came 5th in the 200m, Rhys Allin came 2nd in the 400m, Josh Thomas came 6th in the 400m and 8th in the high jump, while Matthew Logsdon came 5th in the 800m, 6th in the high jump and 7th in the shot putt.

Richard Wilks came 6th in the 800m and 4th in the 1500m, Dylan Layzell came 2nd in the 3,000m, Jack Wilkins came 5th in the 3,000m, and Samuel Morgan came 4th in the 400m hurdles. Oliver Trotman came 3rd in the shot putt and 5th in the javelin, Sam Dowell Bennett came 7th in the discus and 5th in the hammer, and Will Johnson came 7th



Under 15s  
Athletic team at  
the NEC in  
Birmingham



The first XV and Old Boys line up together



CKW Gymnastic girls

in the hammer and 6th in the javelin.

Meanwhile, Cowbridge year-10 and 11, athletes competed in the Cardiff and Vale County Championships held at Leckwith Stadium.

In common with some of the other competing schools, some athletes could not take part due to exams; however the girl's team still produced excellent performances and came second overall behind Bro Morgannwg.

Results: 100m - Isobel Armour fourth in heat one and Flynn Ashton sixth in heat 3; both did not reach the final.

200m - Mairi Boxall third in heat one and Flynn Ashton fifth in heat 3; both did not reach the final.

300m - Sophie Lloyd made the final after coming third in heat one and would have come third in the final with her heat time, however she did not compete! Beatrice Hawker came fifth in heat two.

800m - Rachel Bradshaw came third just beaten on the line and Jessica Jaques came sixth in the final.

1,500m - Fiona Bray came third in the final with a time of 5m 30.

3,000m - Miriam Bennett was the County Champion winning in 12m 42.

80H - Caitlin Allin came second in her heat and Shauna Jones made the final and finished sixth place.

300H - Miriam Bennett came second and Caitlin Alin 4th in the first ever 300m hurdles race.

Triple jump - Miriam Bennett finished seventh.

Shot putt - Isobel Armour came fourth and Hannah Jones twelfth.

Discus - Isobel Armour ninth and Hannah Jones eighteenth.

Hammer - A new event for Lucy Johnson and Anna Wynne, who came sixth and seventh respectively.

Javelin - Lucy Johnson came sixth and Anna Wynne seventeenth.

High jump - Rebecca Thomas and Molly Frost came equal fourth place.

Long jump - Romy Killick came sixth and Caitlin Allin seventh.

4 x 100m - Cowbridge came seventh in the final.

This is a great achievement by the Cowbridge team, as although Cowbridge have a new school and outside facility, still there are no fields in use so only running events can be practiced.

After the recent club fixture for Cardiff AAC in Cheltenham, school athletes had some excellent performances.

George Griffiths, long jump 6.23metres (first in the ranking for Britain), 100metres 11.7 seconds, 200 metres 24.0 seconds; Tom Trotman, high jump 1m 70 (new school record); Alex Love, 800 metres, 2m 19secs; Annabel Curle, high jump, 1m 50.

Best of luck to all during the athletics season.

## Year-8 Sevens team lose out after two-point defeat

THE Welsh Urdd Sevens Tournament was held at Stradey School, Llanelli, and the school year-8 team was looking forward to this tournament after their experiences at Berkhamsted and Rosslyn Park.

The first day was four round robin games with a KO round:

Cae Cae Llanelli, won 29-7. Rian Thomas two tries, Tom Lucas (two), Tom Trotman.

Tregib Llandeilo, won 29-10. Tom Lucas (two), Tom Trotman, Joe Davies, Nathan Robson, Matthew Harper (two).

Pwllheli, won 45-14. Joseph Treharne (three), Rian Thomas (four), Matthew Harper five conversions.

St Cenydd, won 42-0. Tom Trotman (three), Rian Thomas (two), Joe Davies, Matthew Harper (five conversions).

### Knockout round:

Cwm Rhymni, won 36-0. Tom Lucas (two), Tom Trotman, Joe Davies (two), Rian Thomas.

On day two, eight teams qualified for the quarter finals with two pools of four. Winners and runners up went through to the semi finals.

Cwmteaw Swansea, won 19-7. Tom Trotman (two), Ben Jones, Matthew Harper (two conversions).

Stradey School Llanelli, lost 19-21. Tom Trotman (two), Ben Jones, Matthew Harper (two conversions).

Glanfawd, won 24-14, Tom Trotman (two), Rian Thomas, Ben Jones, Matthew Harper (two).

The game against Stradey School cost the team a place in the semi-final on countback of points scored. This placed the school third in the group as Glanfawd and Stradey won two games also.

The school year-8 team has made tremendous progress in the sevens game this term, playing 24 games, winning 21 and losing three. Hopefully next year, this will help them succeed in winning a tournament. A big thanks to you the boys for all their hard work and dedication.

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## BARRY ATHLETIC CRICKET ROUND-UP

## Openers Nathan and Lee in 300-plus record stand!

**BARRY** Athletic CC celebrated another hat-trick of victories in what has proven to be a great start for the Stags in the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Cricket League.

First, Nathan Baker's Barry Athletic 1st XI entertained league strugglers, Llanwit Fardre, as the Stags looked to establish themselves as a promotion contender for the second year in a row.

Baker won the toss and chose to bat first on what was a rock hard surface with a short layer of live grass, offering something for the bowlers.

The Stags began constructively, with the new ball offering some difficulty for batsmen, Lee Morgan and Nathan Baker. However, after they got settled into their stride, there was no stopping them.

Runs came flowing from the bat from all angles. The visitors had no answer as both passed the 50-mark in quick fashion and with just 35 overs played in the innings, both had amassed centuries and didn't look like stopping.

Everything went right for the Stags until the 42nd over, when Baker went after one ball too many and was brilliantly caught on the boundary, for a massive 181 runs from just 132 balls; a

magnificent effort from the Barry skipper.

Morgan batted through, right until the decision came from the Stags to declare after 44 overs, finishing on 121 not out.

History was made at the Barry Oval as the highest partnership was smashed to pieces, with the first wicket partnership making a massive 317 runs. Barry finished on 333-1 declared from 44 overs.

After tea, the Stags rushed out to finish the job and they got off to the perfect start by removing Lewis for just four, after being trapped lbw by Hellyar.

It was a successful day for the Stag bowling attack as wickets came tumbling down. Griffett (1-24) and Hellyar (4-54) tore through the top order and with some fine fielding, Barry kept the pressure firmly on the visitors.

A partnership of 47 brought some responsibility for Fardre, however, Gee (1-43) and Usswald (3-9) wrapped up the lower end of the order and Barry proved to be much too strong, on the day, winning by 194 runs and claiming their first maximum 20 points of the season.

**SECOND XI MAINTAIN GOOD EARLY SEASON FORM**  
SIMON PHILLIPS' Barry Athletic 2nd XI travelled along the M4,



Lee Morgan (left) 121 not out and Nathan Baker (right) 181 celebrate their record partnership of 317.

to face a possible 'banana-skin' in Rogerstone Welfare.

With the pitch not

looking at its best and conditions favouring the bowlers, Phillips won the toss and had no hesitation in bowling first.

The Stags looked in dominant form as the 'Welfare' failed to cope with the strength in depth. Wickets became a regular thing as bowlers, Dafydd Frost (four) and Calum Twomey (two) ripped through the batting order and looked very confident in their deliveries.

An excellent partnership of swing and seam could prove to be a successful one as they continue to develop.

Rogerstone didn't look like responding and the score could have looked a lot worse for the home side. A combination of excellent bowling and fielding, including two high-quality catches from Anthony Esposti, brought the innings to a premature end and Rogerstone were bowled out for a miserable 106.

The Stags continued their dominance into the second innings, having performed brilliantly with the ball, and looked very impressive in their run chase.

Despite the early loss of in-form Craig Brock for a duck, the Stags never looked like losing.

Batsmen, Andrew Buckland (51 not out) and Martin Baker (45 not out) put together a marvellous partnership of 107 to bring home the victory for the Stags and another march towards a possible promotion push for Division One cricket, next season.

**STAGS MAKE IT 'SIX OF THE BEST'**  
Andy Ellis celebrated the club's sixth victory in a row (over two weekends) with a comprehensive 8-wicket win over Aberdare.

The entire team played extremely well, winning on all rinks, beating Cadoxton by 40 shots.

Arthur Harvey's rink, E Lamb, M Mason and Phillip Clarke, was the only rink to win after taking command at the outset after 10 ends to lead 19-7. Millwood started to improve but Llanwit stuck to the task and won 26-21.

Eric Hacker's rink, R French, K Morgan, P Twomey, despite a valiant effort, couldn't hold Millwood and went down 15-21.

Mike Adams' rink, A Wilkins, K Alexander, R Harding, had a hard game. Millwood led from the start and despite giving it their all, lost by 12 shots.

Captain Richard Gray's rink, W Evans, K Morgan and P Twomey won 23-18.

A real shot in the arm after the previous Saturday's debacle. Overall score: 102-62.

The Stags began rampanly, as wickets began

## The Vale CC Seconds end Ebbw Vale's unbeaten run

**VALE 242-4 (45 overs); Ebbw Vale 123-4 (45 overs) - won by 119 runs.**

Ebbw Vale won the toss and asked Vale to bat first. The Vale batting was opened by Gareth Andrews and former first team captain Carl Brooks.

For the second week in a row, an opening stand of 50 was put on the board before Brooks was clean bowled for 21 with the score on 52.

This brought the skipper and Phil Francis to the wicket to join Andrews and these two added 36 before Andrews was clean bowled for a well made 45.

Chris Pike came to the crease but soon departed to a controversial lbw decision, leaving Vale 90-3 after 20 overs.

The skipper called for a runner, which allowed Pike to re-enter the fray. This appeared to improve the running and Neil Raikes, batting in his favoured No 5 position, continued his golden run of form as he steadily built a second successive 50.

For a second week in a row, Raikes and Francis (with help from Pike) put a 90-run partnership together before the skipper's painful stay at the wicket was ended, with another dubious lbw decision, for 53 including one six and four fours.

Geraint Parry, returning after injury, joined Raikes and added 58 to take the Vale score to 242-4 after 45 overs.

Raikes, for a second week in a row, put a splendid innings together, mixing patience with raw power and finished 75 not out including one six and eight fours, with Parry looking good on his first outing of the season 16 not out.

Ebbw Vale set off in pursuit of the Vale total but found runs hard to come by off Vale's mean opening attack of Jack Davies and Chris Pike.

Davies, bowling five maidens in his first six overs and Pike, four maidens in his first six overs, ensured the visitors were never going to chase down Vale's total. Pike struck the first

**UNDER-9 MINI-FESTIVAL WASHED OUT**

**BILLY USSLWALD'S**

BARRY ATHLETIC under-9s were left disappointed with the news that the mini-tournament at St Fagans, was washed out by the overnight downpours.

They travel to Vale CC next Sunday, where they will face Vale, Creigiau and Whitchurch Heath.

A final reminder that

the start of season party

will take place this Saturday at the Barry Oval.

The party schedule

contains live coverage of

the Champions league

final, and live disco.

Action will start at

7.45pm, after the match

between Barry Athletic

2nd XI and Welsh Asians

CC has concluded.

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## Waste of trip for Cadoxton bowls team

**Cadoxton v Barry Plastics - Munro Cup**

CADOXTON travelled to Sully for the Munro Cup match against Barry Plastics, and returned with no points.

Graham Brown

skipped against probably the best rink on the visitors team, made up of well-established experienced players, and struggled for most of the game, to make any impression.

In a surprising start to the game on Howard Craven's rink, an eight against nine on the fifth end cancelled the euphoria of a 9-0 advantage and thus enhanced the performance of the opposition, while subduing the home team.

Although these two rinks lost, they played their part in the overall success of the game, when both scored a four on the final end to give Cadoxton a seven-shot success.

P Ellis, G Davies, I Robertson, G Brown 14-22 D Lloyd, J Coke, M Trigg, P Davies.

B Knight, M Matthews, J Crout, H Craven 22-26 B Hood, R Pickard, J Summers, A Thomas.

T Bishop, L Davies, J Davies, D Kuhnell 19-14 D James, D Jones, E Jones, D Rees.

G Solomon, W Vaughan, L Cundliffe, K Chedgoy 24-10 D John, L Sparrow, M Hopkins, G Evans.

**Final score: 79-72. Cadoxton 'A' v Llanwit Major 'A' - SVL**

CADOXTON 'A' ended their recent good form when they travelled to Llanwit Major and were comprehensively defeated, on all rinks.

The rink skipped by Mike Curtis trailed 5-0 after three ends, but a five on the seventh gave them an 8-7 lead.

However, they failed to score on the next six ends, which left them 10 shots down. An improvement over the remainder of the match reduced the deficit to five.

Roy Harding's four obtained a good advantage when a five took the score to 10-4, but this was overtaken over the following three ends and the home side continued to score for the rest of the match.

Derek Brook's rink never recovered from a 14-0 score-line after just four ends.

John Stewart was in contention for most of the game on his rink until seven shots were scored against one over the final five ends.

G Powell, J Maidment, I Dunbar, J Stewart 14-21 R Gray, M Jones, K Williams, E Sparks.

D Collard, S Clarke, R Cole, D Brook 13-33 E Lamb, M Mason, P Clarke, A Harvey.

K Tanner, I K Alexander, R Harding, M Adams.

J Stacey, S Pycroft, G Garland, M Curtis 18-23 W Evans, K Morgan, P Twomey, E Hacker.

**Final score: 97-45. DK**

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## Female footballers wanted

**DINAS POWYS Football Club is continuing to promote girls football in the community and will be entering a new under-10s team into the South Wales girls league for the 2011/12 season.**

The club is looking for players aged 7-10, of all abilities, who want to either try out a new activity or want to be part of a fun team sport.

Matches take place on Sunday mornings and training will take place on a weekly basis.

For more information please contact Luke Williams on 07832 273688 or email [lukes-blues@sky.com](mailto:lukes-blues@sky.com).

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Left to right: Simon Easterby, Sarra Elgan, Nigel Owens and Jonathan Davies.

**A RUGBY** forum held at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge last week proved to be an entertaining and enlightening event which raised more than £3,000 for the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod 2012.

The all-star panel of rugby greats – TV pundit Jonathan Davies, former Irish international Simon Easterby and current Welsh captain Matthew Rees – were kept in check by international referee Nigel Owens and ESPN

rugby reporter Sarra Elgan.

Questions from the floor were plentiful and great banter ensued, with some carefully aimed digs by Nigel Owens.

The panelists, of course, gave as good as they got, resulting in amusing retorts and a wonderful ambience.

Siân-Ellyn Jones, from the Welsh St Donats area fundraising committee, said: "Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening. It was a wonderful line-up and a very enjoyable event."

## SPORTING EVENING RAISES £3,000 FOR EISTEDDFOD 2012

# All-star line-up helps kick off rugby forum in 'Scrum-V' style!

### Llwyddiant i'r fforwm rygbi

ROEDD ffwrwm rygbi a gynhalwyd yng Ngwstwr' Bear yn Y Bont-faen nos Iau ddiwethaf (21 Mai) yn ddigwyddiad llwyddiannus a waeth godros £3,000 tuaag at Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg 2012.

O dan reolaeth feistrolgar y dyfarnwr rhwngwladol Nigel Owens a sylwebydd rygbi ESPN Sarra Elgan mi waetha y panel o enwogion y byd rygbi – Jonathan Davies, Simon

Easter a Matthew Rees – roi atebion gonest a difyr i gwestiynau'r gynulleidfa.

Bu yna dipyn o dynnu coes a bryd i'w gilydd hefyd, gan greu awyrgylch hylwys iawn.

Dywedodd Siân-Ellyn Jones, ar ran pwysigor apel Llanddunwyd a'r clych: "Diolch o galon i bawb wnaeth gefnogi'r digwyddiad a'i wneud yn un arbenig. Roedd gennym banelwyr o'r radd flaenaf ac roedd yn noson wych."

## Cheeky boy!

JUST CHEEKY!

BRIDGEND Cat Adoption Centre (01656 726 621) would like GEM readers to meet Cheeky, a real cheeky chappie!

He is 14 years old but doesn't look or act it. He has recently had an operation but is now ready and waiting for a new home.

This time of year there are lots of kittens available so some of the older cats do get overlooked, please don't let this gem be one of them.

## Meet William!



JUST WILLIAM!

**THIS WEEK:** William is a seven-year-old lurcher. He is a lovely boy, who just loves fuss and cuddles!

He would like to be the only dog in the home and he loves his food, and is very easy to train – he will be a delight with the right owner.

If you would like to offer William a home, visit the Dogs Trust at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, or call on 01656 725219. You can see William and some of his friends at [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk)

## Classic cars on show at vehicle festival

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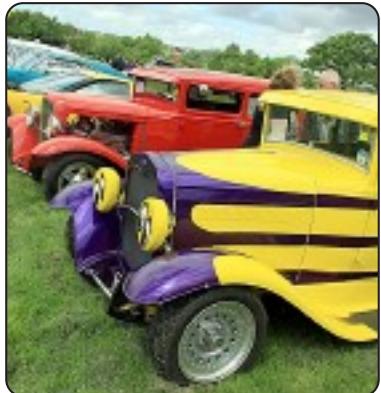


## Action-packed summer lies ahead for WI!

### LLANBLETHIAN WI NEWS

THERE were plenty of chances to see all manner of cars at the recent Pencoed Classic Car Show which took place at Pencoed Agricultural College.

From hot-rods to tractors, and even motorbikes, there was something for every conceivable car lover to admire!



### NEWS FROM LLANTWIT MAJOR CHESS CLUB

L A N T W I T MAJOR Chess Club would like to congratulate one of its younger members, Llewelyn Brown, on being selected to play in the Vale of Glamorgan versus Cardiff match – Well done, Llewelyn!

Llantwit Major Chess Club is based at Tabernacle Church, Methodist Lane and meets on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm.

The club will not be meeting on June 1, as it is half-term, but restarts on Wednesday, June 8.

If anyone, of any age or ability, is interested in playing chess with us, then they are more than welcome to come along. For more details please contact Debbie on 01446 796208. DC

## AP Travel Ltd to the rescue!

"Fortunately for passengers on this service, AP Travel intend to run to the same timetable and ticket price with a view to applying to extend the timetable in the evenings. We look forward to welcoming existing and new passengers to their service," a spokesperson said.

The E11 service currently run by EST from Cowbridge to Talbot Green via Ystradwern and Llathry will cease to run on Saturday May 28, but AP Travel have been successful in securing this service and say there will be little or no disruption or inconvenience to passengers.

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4. Which controversial female singer was arrested in the 1970s for withholding her taxes as a protest against the Vietnam War?

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2. Cheshire.
3. Mifflinfield.
4. Nina Simone.

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# Out and About with The GEM

## JOHNNY DEPP SHINES IN WHAT IS AN OTHERWISE DULL PIRATE ADVENTURE

FOR a film that breezed in like a breath of fresh air, there was something of a smell of dead fish by the time the third instalment of the *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise set sail in 2007.

What had been exciting became cumbersome as the film became more concerned with the intricacies of storytelling, as opposed to creating thrills and excitement.

However, the financial side of things was more than rosy, leading to a predictable fourth outing hinted at the end of the third part.

This time round, the film, entitled *On Stranger Tides*, follows Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and Barbosa (Geoffrey Rush) on their quest for the fountain of youth – a quest that is threatened by the infamous Blackbeard (Ian McShane) and his daughter Angelica (Penelope Cruz), who have their own history

with Sparrow...

Anyone expecting that this fourth instalment in the *Pirates...* franchise will take a radical departure from what has gone before will certainly feel let down, as *On Stranger Tides* is very much business as usual.

Sadly, the same applies to the over-wrought narratives of the latter instalments and a general overwhelming feeling that means it is a case of 'same old' for a franchise looking as though its sea legs have been left on dry land.

Only the most sour-faced of people would deny the entertainment value of Johnny Depp as Jack Sparrow, and certainly the actor again delivers, the roguish character giving Depp plenty to play with.

However, even the most generous viewer would say that fourth time around the actor is starting to tread water ever so slightly, his performance made all the more entertaining by the lack of quality elsewhere.

Perhaps the finger pointing and plank-walking should be saved for Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio, the screenwriters who have been with franchise since day one.

While Geoffrey Rush offers a decent turn as Sparrow's nemesis

### SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

Captain Barbosa (mainly because his character has actually developed as the films have gone on), Penelope Cruz fails to bring the requisite passion as Angelica – her chemistry with Depp falling flat, while Ian McShane is given little to work with as Blackbeard, managing to bring out a hint of dastardly nature, but little else.

Perhaps the finger pointing and plank-walking should be saved for Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio, the screenwriters who have been with franchise since day one.

The first film was dripping with derring-do and spectacle, but the latter two films found themselves weighed down by an unwieldy narrative.

While they really miss-step with the introduction of two characters (Sam Clafin's Philip and Astrid-Berges-Frisbey's Syrena) whose subplot is dull in the extreme, there is so much double-crossing and narrative confusion going on that you spend most of your time wondering just who is doing what.

Coupled with Rob Marshall's direction, it does very little that Gore Verbinski's time in the director's chair didn't, and the end result is a film that while a step-up from the dull and dense sequels, is still a disappointing outing.

That even Johnny

Depp is starting to look tired and ordinary as Captain Jack is a worrying sign, and if *On Stranger Tides* is to be the tipping point for more additions to the franchise, there is some serious work to be done.

**VERDICT** – A poor outing from a franchise that seemingly offered so much, *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* is a weak effort all round, with even Johnny Depp's effervescent Captain Jack Sparrow slipping into the ensemble.

While it retains a level of spectacle that delivers the odd thrill, it very rarely soars higher, making this a disappointing return for these *Pirates*. *Poor*.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise, *The Mask of Zorro*.

### Blood donors

**THE Welsh Blood Service (Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru) will be holding donor sessions in the area next month as follows:**

**JUNE 10:** Mobile donation Clinic, Tesco Stores, Castle Street, Maesteg – 10.45am-1.45pm and 3.15pm-6.30pm.

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**JUNE 14:** Bedwas Hall, Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry – 10am-6pm.

To view a comprehensive list of all the blood donation sessions, please visit [www.welshblood.or.uk](http://www.welshblood.or.uk) or call 0800 252266.

### Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

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The final event will be a battle as the British attempt to liberate the villagers!

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## Cottrell Park hosts Armed Forces Day golf competition

Cottrell Park will be hosting their second Armed Forces Day golf competition on Wednesday, June 22, in support of the National Armed Forces Day.

The golf competition is open to all current serving Armed Forces Personnel, Reserve Forces, Veterans, Cadets and personnel working within the MOD.

The day will feature an individual competi-

tion, sponsored by the Royal British Legion and a team competition consisting of teams of four players.

Both Cottrell Park golf courses (Mackintosh and Button) will be used concurrently for the competition with tee off times commencing at 12 noon.

The cost is £25 per person and will include coffee and bacon roll on arrival, 18 holes of golf and to finish the day off a hog roast buffet and prizes for the lucky winners.

The main organiser of the competition, Dave Morris, who is a retired

army officer, said: "It is a real privilege to be involved in Armed Forces Day, I believe it is extremely important that we have a day to recognise, celebrate, and honour all our servicemen and women who serve and have served our country.

Anyone interested in taking part can log onto [www.armedforcesday-wales.co.uk](http://www.armedforcesday-wales.co.uk) and follow the links to download the application form or contact Dave Morris on 0144672043 or email: [davecptmorris@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davecptmorris@tiscali.co.uk).

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## Making faces exhibition



One of Christian John Olsen's 'Masks' series.

ARTIST Christian John Olsen's third Travellers Gallery one-man exhibition – 'Making Faces', is open from May 31 to July 7, mornings, Mondays to Fridays.

He explores two themes: Masks, looking at inherited family characteristics and Pretty Ugly, exploring the impact of the media on body self image.

For more information contact Mind in the Vale (Registered Charity no. 1066411) on 01446 730792, or visit [www.mindinthevale.org.uk](http://www.mindinthevale.org.uk) and [www.voga.org.uk](http://www.voga.org.uk).

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# Out and About with The GEM

## ENJOY AN EVENING WITH MOZART IN ST HILARY CHURCH



The performers who will be celebrating the genius of Mozart at St Hilary Church.

ON Sunday, June 12, at 7pm, St Hilary Church choir are joining senior students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama to celebrate the genius of Mozart.

In a concert of inspired choral and instrumental music, Rebecca Sands, Grace Wain, Elias Roberts and Christian Jenkins, star students from the college's opera course, will be soloists in the magnif-

ic Coronation Mass, and Jennifer Wright on the French horn has chosen the most famous of Mozart's concertos for her instrument, the fourth.

The concert, to be held at St Hilary Church, also includes perennial favourites Ave Verum Corpus, Rondo a la Turk, and the Musical Joke.

Tickets can be obtained in Cowbridge from Sorrento, WG Davies, David Barnes Dry Cleaners and members of the choir.

The piece, especially written for the Porthceri Centre space, will begin at 8.30pm to allow the gathering darkness to give the lighting its full effect.

Entry is free but donations to the Porthceri Centre are welcome.

A spokesman for the Porthceri Centre group said: "We decided to go ahead with the performance in the centre, even though the building has been sold.

"We want to assure the community that we're going ahead with our plans for an arts and Welsh-language centre and are bidding for the URC Windsor Road building.

"Chris has been associated with the group and we were thrilled that he has written something so special to us as part of his Masters final showcase - he's a very talented guy!"

**PACT** meetings

**BUTTRILLS** PACT, June 6 in the Philip John Community Room, Barry Library at 6.30pm.

**ST BRIDES PACT**, St Brides Church Hall, June 8 at 6pm.

**YSTRADOWEN** Coffee & Chat, the White Lion public house, June 7 at 11.30am.

**PLYMOUTH PACT**, Brockhill Way Community Centre, June 1 at 7pm.

**SULLY PACT**, the Williams Room of the Old School, South Road, June 13 at 7pm.

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## What's on and where?

### Rhoose meeting

RHOOSE and District History Society will meet at 6.30pm this Friday (May 27) in Rhoose Community Hall, preceded by the AGM, when paid-up members will vote for a new committee to include president, chairman, secretary, treasurer, programme secretary, events secretary and archivist.

This month's speaker will be Mr Ron Powell, who will give a talk at 7.30pm, entitled 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'.

Entrance to the meeting will be £1 for adults, which will include a raffle ticket. Visitors welcome. Membership is £4 per annum.

### Joshua night

ON Saturday (May 28) Laura Owens and Hannah Yarr, pupils at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive, are hosting a Joshua night to raise funds towards the 'Oz Experience', a project run by the Joshua Foundation, to provide young people with the opportunity to change the lives of children with terminal cancer.

It will be held at the Café Continental, Barry Island. Music will be provided by local band The Anderson Connection, and, for one night only, a special variety act by Kevin Owens and Haydn Stait – not to be missed.

Anyone interested in donating anything to the raffle or bidding on the auction should contact Neil on 07828 714845.

### Parachute drop

THE final countdown has begun to a sponsored Teddy Bear parachute jump at St Cadoc's Church, Cadoxton, Barry, on Sunday (May 29) at 2pm.

There will be a prize for the best dressed child's and adult's bear.

Proceeds will go to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas child shoebox appeal.

### Beach clean

BARRY-BASED environmental group 'Friends of Barry Beaches' will meet for a beach clean at the Watchtower Bay on May 30 at 3pm (by the Watchtower roundabout) for one hour cleaning the beach.

At the April beach clean on Knap Beach, eight bags of recycling and five bags of rubbish were collected by 17 volunteers.

### Thrift shop

THE Thrift Shop, Woodpecker Square, St Athan, will be closed for the half-term school holidays from 1.30pm on May 30 to 10am on June 6.

### Charity flower arranging night

COWBRIDGE and District Flower Arrangers' Club's next demonstration is by Beryl Griffiths.

It takes place in Cowbridge Town Hall on Wednesday, June 1, at 7.30pm.

Doors open from 6.30pm to 7.15pm. Tickets (£6) are available at the door, and there is a raffle of arrangements in aid of Ty Hafan.

### CAOS scoop!

LLANTWIT Major is set to meet the West End after Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society secured the rights to perform a lost gem by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The musical show tells the story of Dr Barnardo and his work to rescue children living on the streets.

Curtain up is on June 1-4 at 7.30pm (Saturday matinee, 2.30pm) in Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

Contact [www.cowbridgeaos.org.uk](http://www.cowbridgeaos.org.uk) or telephone 01446 773169.

### Valeways walks

ON Sunday, June 5, at 2.30pm, 'From St Tydfil's to Agatha Christie' starting from St Tydfil's Church, Llysworney (map ref SS 962 741).

On Monday, June 6 at 7pm, parks and cliffs, starting from All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry.

Thursday, June 9 at 1.30pm, Cwm George mystery trail, starting from St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys; 7pm-9.15pm, inland from Llantwit Major (extended walk, flat and easy), starting from Llantwit Major Railway Station car park.

### Age Concern coffee morning

AGE Concern's Western Vale Good Neighbour Scheme is holding its annual coffee morning on June 9 at the Llantwit Hall, Boerton Road, Llantwit Major from 10am-12pm.

Admission is £1.50 and includes coffee, tea and biscuits – plus top-ups, there will be a variety of stalls, from home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, plants and a raffle. Proceeds go towards the Good Neighbour Scheme, based at 1 Commercial Street, Llantwit Major.

Telephone 01446 795549/795632 for further information.

### Legion benefit

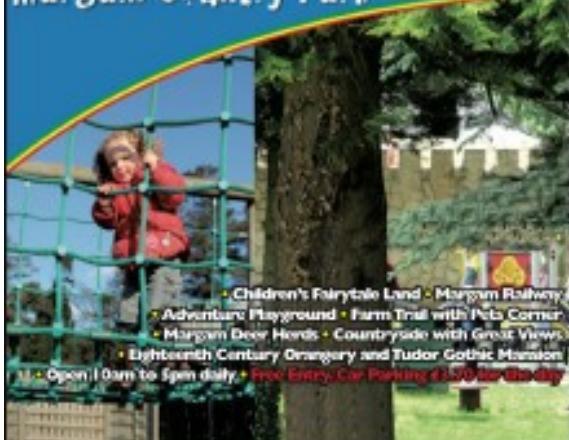
THE Mayor of the Vale, Coun John Clifford, is hosting a garden party on June 10 to mark the Royal British Legion's 90th birthday in the marquee at Dyffryn Gardens from 2pm-5pm.

Tickets are £7.50 each, which will include afternoon tea and entry to the gardens. Proceeds go to the British Legion.

Contact the Mayor's office on 01446 709301.

Tell us what's on and where in your area - email [gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk](mailto:gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk)

## Margam Country Park



Monday, 30th May Bank Holiday, Pirates and Princesses Family Fun Day

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Full programme of half term family activities, check the park web pages for a full list:

Saturday 4th-Sunday 5th June - Margam Kite Festival and Margam Model Boat Club Show

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## Situations Vacant

## Family Notices

**Sensory Garden Co-ordinator**

**Location:** Drop In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Barry.  
**Salary:** £15,000 per annum  
**Hours:** 30 hours per week

**Brief description of post:**  
 To co-ordinate and support work of community volunteers engaged in Sensory Garden activities inclusive of any training needs and to collaborate with partner agencies in the promotion of the garden as a resource for learning and environmental awareness.

To provide support to the Sensory Garden Management Group in the development of the overall aims and objectives of the garden.

**Closing date:** 9th June 2011

**Interview date:** To be advised

For an informal chat and/or application pack please contact:

Eileen Moore

Drop In Centre 01446 403549

*Please note: This post may be subject to Criminal Records Bureau check*

**Please return completed application forms to the Sensory Garden Management Group at the Drop In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Barry, CF63 4JY**

**Cydlynudd Gardd Synhwyraidd**

**Leoliad:** Drop In Centre, 3, Dunlin Court Barry.  
**Cyflog:** £15,000 per fwddydyn

**Oriau:** 30 awr yr wythnos

**Disgrifiad yr o'r swydd:**  
 I cydlynu a cefnogi gwrffodol y cymunedol sydd i'w wneud a'r ardd. Yn cynwys anghenion hyfforddiant, delio a asiantaethau mewn partneriaeth I'hybu'r ardd fel adnodd I ddysgu a i godi ymwybyddiaeth yr amgylchedd.

I roi cymorth i Grwp Rheoli Gardd Synhwyraidd er mwyn ei ddabatlygu i cyfarfod yr amcanion

**Dyddiad Cau:** 9th Mehefin 2011  
**Dyddiad Cyfweithiad:** I'w drefnu

Am sgwrs anffurfiol a/neu ffurflen gais cysylltwch a:  
**Eileen Moore**

Drop In Centre 01446 403549

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**Furflieni gais I'w ddychwelyd i:**  
**Rheoli Gardd Synhwyraidd, Drop In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Barry, CF63 4JY**

**Centre Manager**

**Location:** Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.

**Office Base:** 3 Dunlin Court, Barry

**Salary:** £17,000 per annum

**Hours:** 37 hours per week

**Brief description of post:**

To undertake day to day management of the community centre inclusive of line management to centre staff. To work with relevant partner agencies in support of activities for the benefit of centre users.

**Closing date:** 9th June 2011

**Interview date:** To be advised

For an informal chat and/or application pack please contact:

Eileen Moore

Drop In Centre 01446 403549

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**Please return completed application forms to Castleland Community Association C/O Drop In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Barry, CF63 4JY**

**Rheolwr Ganolfan**

**Leoliad:** Ganolfan Cymunedol Castleland, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.

**Safie Swyddfa:** 3 Dunlin Court, Barry

**Cyflog:** £17,000 per fwddydyn

**Oriau:** 37 awr yr wythnos

**Disgrifiad yr o'r swydd:**

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**Dyddiad Cau:** 9th Mehefin 2011

**Dyddiad Cyfweithiad:** I'w drefnu

Am sgwrs anffurfiol a/neu ffurflen gais cysylltwch a:  
**Eileen Moore**

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The application is to vary the licence, change of name and designated premises supervisor and change of opening hours.

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU not later than 28 days after the date of this notice.

Representations received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of this application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours.

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The family of the late Cecil England would like to thank the Cowbridge community for their support and messages of sympathy following

Cecil's death, at the age of 95, on May 7.

Cecil lived in Cowbridge for almost 50 years and during this time was involved in many community organisations including Rotary, Probus, the Bowling Club, the History Society, the Gardening Club,

Friends of Dyffryn and the Physic Garden.

Cecil's contribution to these organisations and the friends he made in Cowbridge enriched his life.

He will be sadly missed.

**Reverend William Jenkin FIELD (Bill)**

Peacefully at home on May 18, 2011, William, beloved husband of Catherine, much-loved father of Carole and son-in-law Jack, cherished Gramps of Peter and Tracey, Catherine and Alun, also a loved Grampa BO to Spencer, Stephen and Stephanie.

**Bill will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.**

Resting at James Summers and Son, Lavernock Court, Penarth, until the funeral service on May 27, 2011, at All Saints Church, Barry at 10am, followed by interment at Llancarw Churchyard. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu if so desired for Marie Curie Cancer Hospice, Penarth c/o the funeral home.

**Birthdays**

**Happy 21st Birthday**  
**29th May, 2011**

**JAMES AUSTIN**  
**Have a nice day!**

**Lots of love,**  
**Nanny Mavis and**  
**Grampa Fred. XXX**

**Thank You****Tina & Derek Rowlands**

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# MAY FAYRE IS A SUCCESS FOR THE LIONS – DESPITE PORTHCAWL’S GALE-FORCE WINDS

PHOTOGRAPHS by  
KEITH E MORGAN

THE Porthcawl Lions' May Day fayre was again held this year in the grounds of The Rest Hotel.

Weather-wise, it was a sunny day but with strong gale force winds. During the previous night, two of the marquees had been blown away and on the day, it was extremely difficult to hold the remaining marquees and tents down.

The fayre was formally opened by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Councillor Mary Emmett-Lewis, who visited every stall and also judged the PAWS (Porthcawl Animal Welfare Society) dog show.

The master of ceremonies was Porthcawl Lion David Richards.

Despite the windy conditions, there was a good turn-out and the event was clearly enjoyed by all.

Entertainment came from the Cornelly Jazz Band and the 360 Squadron ATC Band from Loughor.



*The Macmillan Cancer Support stall stood out, thanks to its bright green colour scheme!*



*ABOVE: The Loughor 360 Squadron ATC Band*



*Norah and Michael Clarke with a dog which is being trained as a guide dog.*



*ABOVE: Ralph Anslow of Porthcawl Lions with the mayor.*



*The Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild stall.*



*LEFT:  
Some of the winners in the dog show.*

*ABOVE:  
Bridgend Samaritans had no worries about their van blowing away.*

*LEFT:  
Ralph Anslow with RNLI members on their stall.*

*Volunteers from the Kidney Research Unit for Wales Foundation, Porthcawl branch.*



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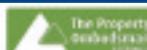
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The day remained dry but there was a blustery wind which made the conditions a little difficult. The course was long, with numerous bunkers, which made it extremely challenging.

A team Stableford was played, together with an individual Stableford for the Miss Button trophy. The team competition was won by Sara Williams, Tina Morgan and Jayne James, and second were Jeanette Williams, Angela Padfield, and Chris Evans.

The Miss Button trophy was won by Sara Williams, and runner-up was Bridget Roberts.

Nearest the pin was Sandra Collin and the longest drive (handicap 0-26) was Kay Bradbury, (handicap 27-36) was Jan Cosby.

The prizes were presented by Jenny McGlyne (lady captain) ably assisted by Mary Watkins (competition secretary).

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# Cowbridge under-8s brave the rainstorm



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LEFT: Jake Williams pictured with the player of the tournament trophy



Cowbridge under-8s Cowboys squad

**COWBRIDGE** under-8s played in the Kidwelly RFC tournament earlier this month and took two teams - the Cowboys and the Indians.

The Cowbridge Cowboys started their games against home team Kidwelly Ambers. Though there was a considerable amount of excellent running rugby, defences came out on top, with the game ending in a nil-nil stalemate.

In the second game, they beat Fishguard Seagulls by three tries to one with Jake Williams scoring two tries and Charlie Locke one.

Charlie's try followed an excellent, passing movement and both of Jake's tries were the result of his ability to take short passes at pace and then run at superb angles. The Seagulls' try was a consolation in the last move of the game.

The third game saw the boys defeat Skewen by three tries to nil, though the win followed excellent defence to keep Skewen out at the beginning. David Harris scored two tries and Jake one.

In the last group game, the Cowboys lost by five tries to one to Carmarthen Quins, though this was not at all representative of how the boys played during the course of the game. Jake again scored an excellent individual try. Notwithstanding this loss, the boys progressed to the semi-

finals of the main competition having been the runners-up in their group.

In horrendous conditions, they played the winners of the other group, Crymych, in the semi-final. Though the game was even in the first five minutes, Jake Williams scored two tries and despite Crymych pulling one back, this was enough to enable the Cowboys to get through to their first final.

There was, literally, a bit of a dampener on it as the heavens opened and May's rainfall fell in the space of about half an hour, causing everybody connected with the Cowbridge teams to huddle under a quickly erected gazebo.

None of this affected the boys' spirits and they were extremely unlucky to lose the final, which was a superb game, to Carmarthen Quins by two tries to one. The boys showed that this time there was nothing between the two teams.

Getting to the final and being presented with finalists' medals was richly deserved by a team of boys who always turn up for training and work hard week in week out.

Jake was presented with the 'player of the tournament' award.

*Cowboys squad: Ioan Davies, David Harris, Robbie Hawkins, Harry Howkins, Oliver Jarman, Aled Leitch, Charlie Locke, Jack Reilly, Harry Whittaker and Jake Williams.*

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06 56 MINI Cooper S 1.6 (175bhp) 3-dr hatchback.	In chili red with black cloth/red leather ray combination upholstery, chrome line exterior, rear spoiler, radio/CD, panoramic roof, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, only 47,450 miles.....£6,495
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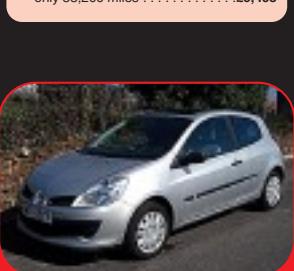
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## Kenfig Hill savour success after win secures promotion



Rhodri Clark makes a break.

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Kenfig Hill scorers: Kyle Evans (two tries); Chris Tossell; Matthew Tossell; Rhodri Clark; Gavin Jenkins; Nicky Giles (one try and five conversions).



Chris Tossell grounds the ball.

## Leisure leagues kicking off

A NEW season is starting in the Bridgend six-side league next month – and teams are urged to join now.

The long running league, which takes place at Pencoed Comprehensive School on Wednesday, is looking to expand

in time for the big kick-off.

The winners and runners-up in each division will be invited to the national six-side football tournament which Leisure Leagues is proud to be a partner of.

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## Pugh still leads Hugh James boys order of merit

OTTO MAND (Dewstow) won the North Wales Boys Open at the weekend by a single stroke from Welsh Boys champion Oliver Baker (Cardiff) after rounds of 75, 73, 73 and 73 to collect 150 Hugh James points.

Mand's performance takes him into third place in the Hugh James Boys Order of Merit behind Jack Bush (Morlais Castle) and current leader, Rhys Pugh (Vale of Glamorgan).

Oliver Baker collects 90 Hugh James points and is in fourth place on the table, while the Celtic Manor's Ryan Haskell collects 60 points for his third place finish after rounds of 73, 75, 75 and 75.

## B Attack look in the clear



FC Ogmore.

PERSIL BOYS FC have all but handed B Attack the Bridgend six-a-side Premier Division title as they slipped to a 3-2 reverse at the hands of Young Exiles, leaving them six points off the pace with two games remaining.

Misfits secured the First Division crown with ease as Rob Wood orchestrated a 5-1 victory over No Tea Tonight, while Hardly Athletic kept their slim title aspirations alive as they hit Minter Phoenix for six, by five goals to nil.

Anyone who wants to join the 6-a-side football leagues in Bridgend can telephone 0845 230 2340 or log on to [www.leisureleagues.net](http://www.leisureleagues.net) or email [info@leisureleagues.net](mailto:info@leisureleagues.net)

## Pencoed Phoenix pick up trophy

PENCOED Phoenix's new sponsor, Andrew Mills of Phoenix Property Agents, is pictured giving Michele Halse, team manager, the WRU development league trophy 2010/2011.  
Photo by Julie Hancock



## Laleston races offer many thrills!

PHOTOS by GLYN EVANS



AS reported in The GEM last week, thrills and spills were the order of the day at the Llangeinor Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at The Stud, Laleston, near Bridgend.

Here are some more, which saw plenty of horse racing action! pictures of the event





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